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What I overlooked was the English idea of central heating. After I left London the weather suddenly turned shivering cold and wet. By the time I got to my destination I was too tired and miserable to care about picturesque charm and history. All I could think of was how uncomfortable I was going to be in an old, drafty castle.

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Then and there I decided I was going to have sheets like that at home. What a

great way to save on heating costs at night and still feel rich and special!

When I got back to the United States I soon learned that the flannel sheets in stores didn't feel or look the same at all. The polyester in them made such a difference.

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Frequent contributor Vernon Pizer says the good news is that the nation's leaders are trying to reverse the serious

situation about which he has written in "Merchant Marine In Decline."

"Fall Bluegills, Fine Fishing" was written by **Richard Martin**, who says catching bluegill in a small lake is one of his favorite activities.

Alan Darling, author of "Champ Of Lake Champlain," is a full-time freelance writer. Dr. David M. Abshire, a West Point graduate holding a doctorate in history from Georgetown University, and currently U.S. Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Council, draws upon knowledge gained from years of involvement in international matters for his article "No Nation Is An Island."

Cover: The merchant ship S.S. *Mini Lens*. Photo by FPG.

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| 30-34 | 96,000 | 86,400 | 76,800 | 67,200 | 57,600 | 48,000 | 38,400 | 28,800 | 19,200 | 9,600 |
| 35-44 | 54,000 | 48,600 | 43,200 | 37,800 | 32,400 | 27,000 | 21,600 | 16,200 | 10,800 | 5,400 |
| 45-54 | 26,400 | 23,760 | 21,120 | 18,480 | 15,840 | 13,200 | 10,560 | 7,920 | 5,280 | 2,640 |
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| 60-64 | 9,600 | 8,640 | 7,680 | 6,720 | 5,760 | 4,800 | 3,840 | 2,880 | 1,920 | 960 |
| 65-69 | 6,000 | 5,400 | 4,800 | 4,200 | 3,600 | 3,000 | 2,400 | 1,800 | 1,200 | 600 |
| 70-74* | 3,960 | 3,564 | 3,168 | 2,772 | 2,376 | 1,980 | 1,584 | 1,188 | 792 | 396 |
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^{*}No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

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Priceless Document

 Lester David's "Saga Of A Priceless Document" (July) was very interesting, but the second paragraph was highly inaccurate. The 13th Armored Division was not activated until July · 1942, at Camp Beale, Calif. It was hardly possible for a cavalry troop from the 13th to be in Louisville on December 24, 1941.

LAMBERT FORD Yucca Valley, Calif.

The author replies: The information in question was obtained from the National Archives, Washington, D.C., which, it appears, had incorrect information. The U.S. Army Center of Military History advises it was a cavalry troop of the 13th Regiment of the 1st Armored Division that met the Fort Knox shipment.

Runaway Law

• Jay Stuller's excellent article "Runaway Law: Our Litigious Society" (July) was long overdue. However, the situation is far worse than it is painted. I fear it is too late to save America from the stranglehold of the trial lawyers.

> JOHN SHEETS DeLand, Fla.

 As a practicing attorney, I certainly enjoyed this article. I can identify with many of the problems raised by the author. Regarding the Florida statute by which a plaintiff can be taxed for a defendant's fees if the judge finds a case to be spurious and frivolous. Colorado has a similar statute.

> CECIL W. WILLIAMS Denver, Colo.

• I am a 35-year member of The American Legion and am appalled that such an article as this would be published in The American Legion Magazine. I have been under the impression that it provided informative news articles that were to some extent accurate. In this piece a person is allowed to express his views about an honored and noble profession without an opportunity being provided for another writer to present an argument or report answering these allegations. I can only conclude that the average

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reader could draw one conclusion, and that is that the legal profession is responsible for and initiates litigation. rather than renders a service to the public in a highly skillful manner.

LELYN J. BRAUN Garden City, Kan.

Commander

· Your message, "An Endangered Resource" (July) was excellent. It's about time that we Americans start protecting our own real interests instead of foolishly bowing to the ridiculous demands of the Communist-nation dominated U.N.

> BEN L. GRAVES Hemet, Calif.

 Re Commander Keller's message: I find The American Legion's position on this treaty rather provincial, selfcentered and lacking the vision we Americans must have if there is to be understanding, respect and peace among the nations of the world. The Commander objects to the treaty's deep seabed mining provisions because they "make the mineral riches of the ocean the common heritage of mankind." I happen to believe in a God who created the universe, including the oceans, for the benefit of all, whether American, Russian; black, white or yellow; male or female. Indeed, the mineral riches of the oceans are all mankind's common heritage.

WILLIAM J. MOORE St. Paul, Minn.

D-Day Veterans

 We are preparing a social study of the English women who married GIs and returned with their husbands to make new homes in America. When we learned that so many former servicemen were planning to retrace their steps to the channel ports to celebrate the 40th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1984, we thought it would be an excellent finish to this study if we could find some of those veterans who are planning to return to the scenes of WWII, and perhaps might be taking their English brides with them. Any of those veterans and their wives who would like to participate in our study are invited to write to the following address for a questionnaire: Brenda W. Hasty, POB 1541, Sierra Vista, Ariz. 85635

> BRENDA W. HASTY Sierra Vista, Ariz. (Continued on page 36)

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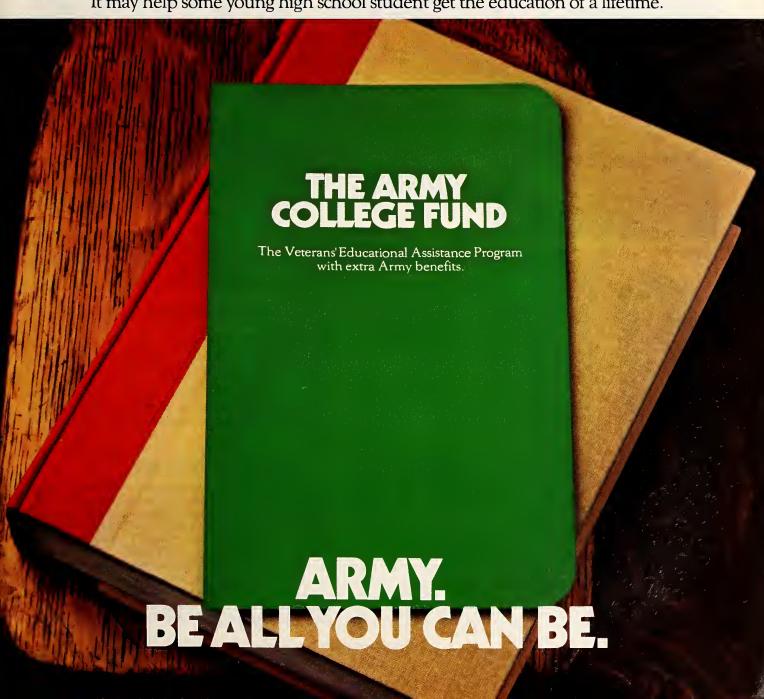
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News to Use

Winds Of Change For Social Security

No matter what your age, you'll be affected by sweeping changes in the Social Security system next year. Here's what to expect.

If You're Retired: In January you will get the 3.5 percent cost-of-living increase originally scheduled for mid-1983. Hereafter, future adjustments also will come on a January-to-January interval.

Meantime, some retirees will have to pay federal income taxes on their Social Security benefits as of 1984. To find out where you fit in, do this.

1) Add up your adjusted gross income, plus one-half of your Social Security benefits, plus non-taxable interest income. If that drives you over a \$25,000 base as an individual, or a \$32,000 base for couples, you will be clipped. Otherwise not.

2) The amount subject to the new tax will be the lesser of a) one-half the excess over your base, or b) one-half your Social Security benefits. True, the tax will hit only about 10 percent of retirees the first year, but many more will be affected in the future as incomes and benefits rise. Also, there's the suspicion that some states will try to copy federal tax regulations, thus deepening the bite.

If You're Not Retired: Your payroll deduction for next year is 6.7 percent; for 1985, it's 7.5 percent; by 1990 it will be 7.65 percent. Moreover:

1. All federal employees newly hired after December 31 of this year automatically become part of the Social Security system.

2. The retirement age (i.e., the age at which you can get full benefits) will be raised gradually from 65 to 67. Workers born in 1938 and thereafter will be affected.

Learn Ropes Of Financing Mobile Homes

Sales of mobile homes are up nearly 20 percent this year over last at prices averaging about \$17,500 for fully equipped single-section models and \$27,000 for multi-sections. If these attractive tags tempt you to buy one, be sure to figure out first how you are going to finance it—as residential real estate, or as personal property. Here's the distinction.

You're Buying Residential Real Estate if you place the home on an approved foundation on property you own. This makes you eligible for federal mortgage insurance (30 years at about 12 percent); also the Federal National Mortgage Assn. (Fannie Mae) will buy such mortgages to keep mortgage money flowing. In short, you can finance your mobile home just like any other type of residential real estate.

As an alternative, the Veterans Administration will guarantee half a loan (but not mortgage) up to \$20,000.

You're Buying Personal Property if you don't own a site to put the house on. In that case, your financing will be via the loan route—not the mortgage route.

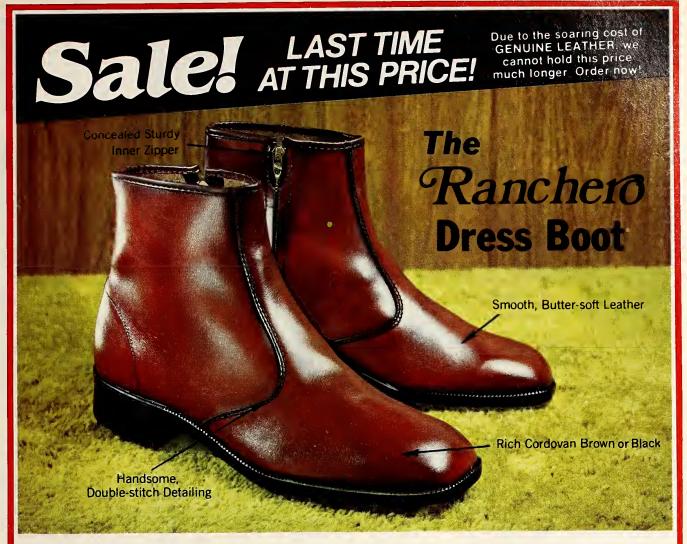
However, you still are eligible for guarantees: The government will insure loans for single-section homes up to \$22,500 for 20 years, and multi-sections up to \$35,000 for 23 years. VA insurance, too, is available. In any event, the best way to get a fix on loans or mortgages (including the financing of used homes and acquisition of building lots) is via a dealer or site-developer. They know the ropes.

Making Merry With Your Money

Travel: If you're planning a fall vacation on foreign soil this year, government figures on living expenses abroad (exclusive of transportation) show this: The world's No. 1 bargain is Mexico; Greece isn't far behind; then come Portugal, Spain and Italy; Canada isn't bad, either. As for the more expensive: Ireland, Germany, England, the Scandinavian countries and France. Package tours can bring down costs if your heart is still on the high-priced spots.

Cameras: The sensation of the camera world currently is the disc camera—the ultra-thin, "decision free" device that uses film imbedded in a rotating disc. Over 10 million have been sold since introduction a year and a half ago (at \$30 and up). Result: About a dozen competitors (plus several film makers) now are getting into the business, meaning lower prices and a wider choice of products.

By Edgar A. Grunwald



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Should Natural Gas Prices Be Decontrolled?



Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho

Yes. America now has a natural gas glut of between 2.5 and 2.7 trillion cubic feet. Yet gas prices continue to increase at a rate in excess of 20 percent a year.

This conflicting state of affairs has been largely brought about by the Natural Gas Policy Act (NGPA)—a complex pricing scheme for natural gas. In the late 1970s, natural gas was believed to be in short supply, so provisions in NGPA were structured

to encourage firms to go after high-cost supplies.

To reduce the financial risks involved in finding new gas, drillers' contracts demanded that natural gas pipeline companies pay for the gas even if they chose not to take it.

Gas is no longer in short supply. However, prices continue to rise because many pipeline companies are still locked into contracts requiring them to buy this high-cost gas despite the availability of cheaper old gas.

As a result, exploration and development activities have dropped sharply. The number of operating drilling rigs is down 42 percent from last year, and it's very possible that the gas glut could quickly disappear.

Consumers aren't the only ones paying higher gas prices because of our current regulatory policy. Many industrial customers have found that they can't afford the increasing cost of natural gas, so they convert to an alternative energy source—which is frequently oil. Since the overall costs to deliver the gas remain at a fixed rate, such a move increases gas prices for the remaining customers.

Deregulating the natural gas industry will allow its price to once again be governed by market mechanisms. Instead of the current pricing structure under NGPA, which regulates at least 26 different classes of gas, the laws of supply and demand will determine what price the gas will bring.

Removing the shackles of federal regulation will also lead to greater exploration and production. The ratio of cash flow to investment in the oil and gas industry is determined more by the expectation of demand than by current profits. So if producers believe that market demand in the future will increase, they're going to reinvest their profits in locating new sources of gas.

The foes of deregulation claim that prices will skyrocket once controls are lifted. Yet these same predictions were made when the price of oil was deregulated, and the opposite has proven to be true. As supplies increased following deregulation, we saw prices start to go down.

I believe the same holds true for natural gas. Consumers are best protected by a market approach that provides the most adequate supply of natural gas at the lowest possible cost. Deregulation has the best potential for achieving this goal.



Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio

Natural gas decontrol is the wrong policy at the wrong time. It will rekindle inflation and increase unemployment but provide no relief to homeowners, small businesses and farmers battered by soaring natural gas prices.

The only clear winner would be Big Oil. As producers of nearly three-fourths of the nation's low-cost gas, which would nearly double in price if decontrolled, the top 20 oil

companies stand to reap a massive \$50 billion windfall over the next three years.

In 1978, after tremendous natural gas shortages paralyzed the Northeast and Midwest, the natural gas industry told Congress: "Give us price decontrol and all will be well for years to come." Prices, they said, would only rise about 8 percent a year.

So Congress responded with the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, a bill I opposed as bad policy and bad legislation. The NGPA created 23 separate categories of natural gas prices. It provided for phased decontrol of more than 50 percent of domestic gas supplies. Finally, gas on which producers had recovered their investment and were making substantial profits was left under control.

But the industry didn't deliver on its part of the bargain. Since passage of the NGPA, prices have risen 114 percent! And last winter, in the midst of a huge supply glut, the producers and pipelines managed to raise prices an additional 20 to 60 percent! Now the administration and its natural gas industry allies are back, pressuring Congress for another dose of decontrol. The result will be just as disastrous. Even DOE's own experts say prices will be much higher under decontrol than under current law.

About half of all natural gas sold in this country was discovered before 1977. Producers have recovered their investment and are making a profit on this "old" gas. Today, "old" gas costs an average of \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet. If it is decontrolled, it would cost \$3 or more. Now you tell me how this helps consumers?

Prices for the extremely expensive gas are coming down as producers realize they can't sell it at exorbitant prices. Why should we give up these gains by allowing low-cost gas to more than double in price?

The favorite argument of decontrol advocates is that oil decontrol lowered oil prices and the same will happen to natural gas prices. Their facts are wrong. Decontrol sent oil prices soaring and only a worldwide recession and the collapse of OPEC started to bring them down.

Decontrol didn't work for oil and it won't work for gas. Congress should pass a modest bill correcting some of the current difficulties in the gas market—but not give the natural gas industry what it wants, again.

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By Drew Kaplan

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Earning a college degree does not necessarily guarantee women's salaries will be equal to that of men with similar educational backgrounds, according to a report from the United States Census Bureau. Findings indicate that female graduates can expect lifetime earnings of approximately \$500,000 less than males with equivalent academic status.

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Commenting to the Senate, Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., said that the salary gap will continue to widen for women because cuts in student financial aid will affect them more than men.

Burglars Target The Poor

Families with low incomes are more likely to be targets for burglary than Americans who are better off. Data from the Justice Department reveal over 8 percent of the households broken into in 1982 had incomes of less than \$7,500. Only about 6 percent of the thefts occurred in houses where incomes ranged from \$25,000 up.

Additional information provided by the agency suggests the country is safer to live in than urban or suburban areas. Only 8 percent of rural households were victims of burglaries in 1982, compared to 13 percent in cities and 10 percent in the outskirts.

Though nearly 25 million homes experienced some form of violent crime or theft in 1982, the report indicates this figure is slightly lower than in the previous year. Last year 29 percent of all households were targets of at least one criminal offense. The total number of households in 1981 came to 30 percent.

Care For "Latchkey" Kids?

The number of children in kindergarten and elementary school who have to leave home every morning by themselves and return to an empty house in the afternoon is steadily increasing, and has many legislators on Capitol Hill upset. Sen. Donald W. Riegle, Jr., D-Mich., and a group of congressional colleagues have introduced legislation to aid communities in the establishment and operation of child-care programs to be housed in public school buildings.

All too often both parents must work full time, so that more than 6 million youngsters between the ages of 6 and 13 spend long periods each day alone and unsupervised. As a result, some 6,000 "latchkey" children—so called because many go to school with keys fastened to their clothing—are fatally injured in accidents each year, according to the senator.

Little more than 100 of the 15,000 schools in the United States provide some type of child care before and/or after school. Sen. Riegle's bill would provide \$15 million annually for such care for three years.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

America Changed World's Diet—"... America's main contribution to the world of food is not in cooking—except, perhaps, for barbecue. Our contribution lies in the raw material we provided. Corn, most kinds of beans, various nuts, large strawberries—all came from America, and many of these foods were adopted by other nations. The discovery of America changed the diet of the world." James Beard, food authority.

Central Goal—"The central goal of our national security policy is deterrence of war; restoring and maintaining the strategic balance is a necessary condition for that deterrence." Secretary of State George Shultz.

Freedom Diminished—"One of the forgotten lessons of the campus turmoil of the 1960s is that the faculty and administration must be fully responsible for preserving a climate of intellectual openness. When teachers join or tolerate the yahoos who would restrict that climate, it is their own freedom that is diminished." Diane Ravitch, author, instructor at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Heaven and Hell—"There are only two places where Communism works—in heaven, where they don't need it, and in hell, where they have got it." President Ronald Reagan.

Something Very Special—"Some say that computer processing devices and industrial robots will be the way to reach the potentials of the future, but the truth is that these devices have a significant fault. They do not have something very special that individuals have, the ability to dream things that never were and ask, "Why not?" "David Lincoln Luke III, industrialist.

Underrated Politicians—"Politicians are probably the most underrated people in our society. The overwhelming majority are hard-working, completely dedicated to the nation, or the state or the local government in which they serve . . ." former Sen. Jacob K. Javits, N.Y.

Crude Cure—"When future historians look back on our way of curing inflation . . . they'll probably compare it to bloodletting in the Middle Ages." Lee A. Iacocca, chairman, Chrysler Corp.

Dangerous Advantage—"If we have a defensive advantage, the Soviets can be very sure that this is no real danger to them. They know we are not going to use it; we are not going to start a nuclear war. But if the Soviets should have a defensive advantage, that would be dangerous." Edward Teller, physicist and "father of the hydrogen bomb."

Crushed In Bed—"When business accepts help from government, it can be like going to bed with a hippopotamus. It's warm and nice for a moment, but then your bedmate rolls over and crushes you." **Donald Rumsfeld**, former Defense Secretary.

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That Fateful September

On September 3, 1783, an idea became a nation



By James Kramer

or so momentous an occasion, the event taking place in Paris on that historic day two centuries ago—September 3, 1783—seemed strangely low-keyed and subdued. It was mid-morning and six men sat solemnly around the ornate table in the British ambassador's lodgings in the Hotel d'York on Rue Jacob. The room was quiet except for the rumble of carriage wheels out on the cobblestoned street. To those passing outside this was simply another workaday morning no different from any other. But those in that room knew better. They knew that this was a day without prec-



Benjamin West's unfinished painting commemorating the signing of the Preliminary Peace, November 30, 1782. Left to right: John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Henry Laurens and William Temple Franklin. The blank space on the canvas was presumably reserved for Richard Oswald and Caleb Whitefoord whom West was unable to persuade to sit for him.

The six men gathered at that table—Henry Strachey and Richard Oswald, the British commissioners; and the four American commissioners, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, John Jay and Henry Laurens—were thinking their own thoughts, but all were keenly aware that this was the final, climactic scene in a drama that had begun much earlier and an ocean away. They recognized that from this day forward the course of world history and the lives of millions would be profoundly altered.

To appreciate the extraordinary event unfolding in Paris that September morning one must begin in other times and in other settings—in places with names like Lexington and Trenton, Brandywine and Saratoga, Monmouth, King's Mountain and Guilford Courthouse. One must visualize the resilience and doggedness of that ragged army suffering through the terrible rigors of Valley Forge, the strength of character and strategic brilliance of their commander, George Washington, the courage and skill of such Washington subordinates and allies as Knox, Greene, Morgan, Lafayette, von Steuben. But most of all, to fully appreciate that scene in Paris one must go back to May 21, 1781, in the quiet, little town of Wethersfield, Conn.

Washington had ridden northeast to Wethersfield from his headquarters in White Plains, N.Y., and Lieut. Gen. Jean Baptiste de Rochambeau west from Newport, R.I., where he commanded a 4,000-man French garrison. The town was a convenient halfway point for the American commanderin-chief and his French ally to meet. The Revolution had now dragged on for six bone-wearying years. The Americans had known their moments of victory but none had been decisive. none had been the victory, and the cost had been high-in men and in precious resources, leaving the country teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. The British, too, had had their victories and they held large segments of rebel territory, but they still sought their ultimate victory. It was against this background that Washington had summoned Rochambeau to Wethers-

Washington proposed at that meeting that Rochambeau's troops join his at White Plains for an assault on occupied New York City, where the British commander-in-chief, Sir Henry Clinton, maintained his headquarters.

Capture of this focal point of British power in America could very well be the victory he sought so desperately, Washington maintained, while conceding that it would be a difficult operation against a strong, well-fortified force. Rochambeau agreed to the proposal. The French joined the Americans at White Plains on July 5. Detailed planning for the assault began and scouting parties were sent out to test the British perimeter defenses. Then, on August 14, a letter arrived from the West Indies that altered everything.

The letter was from Adm. François de Grasse announcing that he was en route with a fleet of 29 men-of-war and a landing force of 3,000 soldiers. He was making for the mid-Atlantic coast, where he would be at Washington's disposal.

Company by company, they turned into a field to deposit their muskets...

At once Washington grasped the significance of the development-it would give him an opportunity to bottle up and reduce the British field army commanded by Clinton's deputy and best combat commander, Lieut. Gen. Charles Cornwallis. Cornwallis had unwittingly set a trap for himself after striking a series of devastating blows in the Carolinas by moving north to Virginia and establishing his base on the Chesapeake to await reinforcement and re-supply. The site he chose was the small tobacco port of Yorktown. Washington realized that, with de Grasse blocking any reinforcement or escape by sea, Cornwallis was vulnerable to overland attack. Reluctantly abandoning his planned assault on Clinton, he at once prepared his force for the long march. On August 20, he ferried his forward elements across the Hudson, feinted toward New York City to obscure his actual intentions, and then wheeled south through New Jersey.

On August 30, de Grasse reached Yorktown and set up his sea blockade. Five days later the British re-supply fleet arrived and de Grasse sailed out to engage it. For several days the British got the worst of the exchange before breaking off and returning north. Now the sea blockade was securely in place. Meanwhile, Washington was hurrying his troops on the grueling 400-mile route from White Plains. On September 28, he reached Yorktown with approximately 8,000 Continentals and a slightly smaller French contingent composed of Rochambeau's and de Grasse's soldiers. Against them Cornwallis could muster only about 9,000 English and German mercenary troops, but they had the advantage of a series of strongly fortified breastworks and redoubts, and a massive array of 200 cannons.

For some days scouting parties from each side probed the other but Washington, realizing this engagement could determine whether the Revolution succeeded or failed, was not disposed to risk his country's future on an all-out frontal attack. Instead, he prepared for a classic seige by digging in his soldiers in a series of parallel trenches that slowly moved closer to the enemy.

Despite the haste with which he had set out from White Plains, Washington had planned the move well. Conventional wisdom held that, with speed at a premium, no army would commence such a long move encumbered by artillery heavier and more unwieldy than three- or sixpound field pieces. Cornwallis, behind his 200 cannons, felt secure with his vastly superior firepower. But Washington had not adhered to conventional wisdom-he had undertaken to haul to Yorktown no less than 75 artillery pieces, most of them heavy 16-, 18- and 24-pounders. British cannons blasted at but did not deter the Americans and their French allies as they dug their trenches, constructed emplacements for their artillery and-aided by oxen-strained to maneuver the pieces into firing position.

On October 9, the artillery emplaced, Washington touched off a 16-pounder, the first artillery shot fired by the Americans at Yorktown. When the heavy projectile crashed in on them, the British were startled by its unexpected size. Some of the artillery fired "hot shot," cannonballs heated white-hot that started blazes on four British vessels in the port. But British answering barrages exacted their toll, especially accurate mortar fire lobbing into the trenches.

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Fall bluegill fishing can be mighty profitable if you apply techniques peculiar to autumn and forget the things you usually do during the spring.

Fall Bluegills, Fine Fishing

By Richard Martin

Take a nationwide survey and you'll find bluegills rank number one among most of the nation's anglers—and for good reason. They're plentiful almost anywhere, easy to catch under most circumstances, don't require much tackle and taste great straight from the skillet. They're not large fish—in most states a half- to three-quarter pounder is considered a nice size—but they're surprisingly hard fighters and definitely prolific. In states where there are no limits, you can often catch 50 fish or more—a double five-gallon bucket full that'll have you straining to lift it into your car.

Traditionally, bluegill anglers do their fishing in the spring months. Fish are either in close to spawn on shallow water beds, actively spawning or still hanging in thin water after the spawn. They're easy to see, easy to catch and the weather is a real tonic after long months of winter. The average fisherman might try them in summer, too, with some success. In the fall most anglers have either changed into hunting gear or they're too busy raking leaves and watching football to have time for bluegills. If they do fish for these plentiful panfish, they'll use spring methods and do poorly, then give up and turn to other sports.

Which is too bad, because fall bluegills are at their prime, fed full and fat over a lengthy summer and very interested in adding more ounces to help tide them through the slow and semi-dormant days of winter. Cooling water improves their flavor even further, and a pan full of chunky autumn mossbacks will teach you quickly the real meaning of their common name, panfish.

So how do you catch the makings in autumn's beautiful season? I got my first hint some years back on a fall bass trip to a fair-sized lake in north central Ohio. The fish had long since left their shallow springtime territory, just as bluegills had, and were clustered in areas where deep water was very near the shoreline. I was using a 12-foot canoe and casting four-inch plastic worms along a section of dock where the water went to eight feet within a couple of yards of shore, a definitely steep drop-off. Better yet, there were a few stumps against the



This plump bluegill is but one of dozens the author invited to an October fish fry in celebration of a great day on the lake.

dock, washed in from elsewhere, and a bit of brush here and there on the bottom, brush that my plastic worm was crawling over now and again.

I caught bass, but I kept having small "tap, tap" type hits that were either young largemouths or bluegills, so after I'd worked over the bass in that section I reached for a piece of nightcrawler and rigged one rod with a very small bobber, No. 8 hook and a splitshot for weight. Then I tossed the baited rig near a handy stump and waited for it to settle. When the bobber righted itself, it bounced once and disappeared.

My rod bend indicated a nice fish and it was indeed nice, a fat bluegill about eight inches long. I'd rather eat bluegills than bass, so I gave up on the bigger fish and caught a sagging stringer of panfish. There were none on shallow flat areas and none cruising close to the surface, but as long as I concentrated on steep falling shorelines with good cover and did my fishing about four feet below the surface I caught fish. Lots and lots of

If you're interested in fall bluegills and you definitely should be, these methods will work equally well for you. Avoid the bays and backwaters, the thin water flats and other places that had good spring fishing, and look for deep water and cover close to shore. You'll find fish and if you make few mistakes you'll catch plenty.

But many anglers do make mistakes; poor tackle is a common one. You can catch bluegill by the hundred on a cane pole, but you'll rarely see one of these versatile 14-to-18-foot rods except in the south. With a cane pole you can either walk the shore (softly and carefully) and dabble your bait here and there in likely spots, or fish from a boat, anchor in prime country and work water in all directions with minimal hassle. But you must use monofilament line or at least have this line tied in a several foot section to the business end. Bluegills can see braided line easily and larger fish will usually shy off.

I'd recommend line of no more than six-pound test in autumn's clear waters, and four is better. You'll handle your catch with more care than you might with 20-pound test, yet, while they're fighters, you're still dealing with smaller fish and there's no need to break their necks. Should you prefer a spinning or spincasting rod, a



It doesn't require any special equipment coupled with years of fishing experience to be an expert angler when it comes to fall bluegill fishing.

fly rod or even casting gear, the same rule holds true: light line on any rod.

Some anglers use large hooks, too, simply reaching into their tackle box and grabbing the first one that comes to hand. That's a mistake. Even big bluegill have small mouths and a No. 6 should be about the largest you'll ever tie on. A No. 8 is better, and No. 10 is better yet.

I've seen some pan-fishermen seeking their prey with a bobber or float big enough to handle a small make shark, and I've watched sizable bluegills strip their worms without doing more than making that big float bounce. Use bobbers no larger than quarter size, so fish that grab your bait and race away will have minimum resistance. They're far less likely to drop your offering.

That's the nuts and bolts—any gear you prefer so long as it has light line, small hooks, a slight bit of weight in the form of splitshot and miniature bobbers. Now, what about bait? You can catch fall bluegill by the dozen on artificial flies and it doesn't much matter which so long as they're small, nondescript and dark colored. Nothing fancy needed for bluegill. Some anglers will use three at a time, tying

If you're interested in fall bluegills, these methods will work for you. one fly on the line's end, two more on short side lines above (where legal) and either dabbing them around on a fly rod or cane pole or casting them with a splitshot and bobber for extra throwing distance. A maggot or tiny pork strip dresses flies up even more and draws extra interest.

Most anglers, however, don't bother with artificials. They'll head out to the garden, compost pile or flower bed, spade up a few garden worms, manure worms or nightcrawlers, and catch all they'll ever need. Bluegill love worms. But they'll also eat darn near anything else. Crickets are a favorite bait in the south and aquatic insects taken from beneath stream rocks will catch them. They love crayfish tails with the shell stripped off, bits of shrimp, waxworms and maggots, even balls of bread. Just in case they're picky, you might take along several baits, but worms are your best opening shot.

Now, are you ready for the real secret to catching fall bluegills, or spring and summer ones for that matter? It sums up to one word, "move" - and that means in all directions. If you're out simply for a pleasant autumn morning, if you plan to relax along some farm pond or lake and soak up waning sunshine while you let a floater or two drift around, then drop this magazine and get going. You've learned enough already to let you catch the makings of a fair dinner tonight. But if you're wanting a heavy stringer of dandies, fish enough for a meal and plenty left over to fill some freezer bags, then you'll have to work a little for them.

Moving means that you don't fish in one spot for a four-hour stretch. Any farm pond or lake has its resident populations of bluegills and they do more moving from deep water to shallow than they do back and forth along the shoreline. There may be a specific population of bluegill off this point and another 50 yards down shore that rarely mingle. So when you've skimmed the cream from your first area, you move to a second. Waiting for more fish after you've already caught the hungry ones means your action gets poorer and poorer as the hours pass.

If you're walking the shoreline, give each place no more than half an hour, and if you're boating, do the same. Given time you'll soon learn which areas of a lake hold the largest fish

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No Nation Is An Island

Strong alliances deter war.
Ambiguous alliances invite aggression.

By Dr. David M. Abshire

Since its formation in 1949, NATO has experienced periodic bouts of intraalliance discord, yet, for more than 30 years, the forces binding the United States to its alliance partners have been far stronger than passing tensions over superficial issues. Many now fear, however, that today's quarrels within NATO may be far deeper and more fundamental than previous alliance spats. Recent disagreements between the United States and Western Europe over arms control, the Soviet gas pipeline, technology transfer and other vital issues have, at times, been bitter. Vocal segments of both populations argue that the interests of America and Western Europe no longer converge. Some even suggest that this great alliance of free nations has outlived its usefulness, and predict that Europe and the United States will go their separate ways.

This drift toward neo-isolationism must be checked; no nation today can afford to be "an island entire of itself." A clear lesson of the 20th century is that strong alliances deter war, while weak and ambiguous alliances invite aggression. The United States must rise above the controversies to maintain the strength of NATO and its other international commitments, be-

cause the mistakes of this troubled century have been too costly to risk repeating.

"Splendid" Isolation

In the spring of 1914, a group of young Serbian nationalists assassinated the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. Few foresaw that this apparently isolated incident would culminate in the carnage of World War I. When the conflict engulfed all the major nations of Europe, President Woodrow Wilson vowed to keep the United States out of the war. Wilson failed to realize that the destiny of the United States was inextricably bound to the fate of Europe.

Despite America's traditional isolationism, the sinking of the *Lusitania* drew the United States into the struggle against the Kaiser's Germany. The United States ostensibly fought to protect the rights of neutrals and to maintain freedom of the high seas. These lofty principles, however, masked the more fundamental reasons for America's involvement in Europe's war. The United States could not risk the defeat of France and Great Britain and the subsequent overthrow of the European balance of power. The U.S. also maintained a vital interest in the

The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand (above) by a Serbian nationalist—an incident initially thought to be of little international consequence—plunged Europe into war in 1914. Five years later, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded in vain with an isolationist Senate for U.S. participation in the League of Nations, an organization he believed would avert the growth of national disputes into international conflict.

preservation of democratic institutions on the Continent. Finally, the American economy could not afford to lose the valuable commerce provided by the Western powers.

After a bitter and bloody struggle, the Allies prevailed in 1918. The Treaty of Versailles created the League of Nations, which was to be the foundation of a new international order based upon the rule of law and collective security. Thereafter, war would be prevented by the concerted action of member nations. Unfortunately, the lessons of the war were soon forgotten. Wilson's plan was rejected by an isolationist Senate, which argued that America could once again withdraw into a world of its own.

Europe Restored

The Senate's decision not to participate in the fledgling League of Nations left France and Great Britain powerless to enforce the stringent terms of the Treaty of Versailles. Hitler seized power by capitalizing on Germany's resentment over the postwar settlement. Germany reoccupied the Rhineland in 1936 and annexed Austria the following year. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain hoped to appease the Führer by ceding to Germany the Czechoslovakian region of Sudetenland at the famous Munich meeting in the fall of 1938.

Hitler was not easily appeased. His crushing invasion of Poland in 1939 at last spurred France and Great Britain to armed resistance. World War II's unprecedented horror and destruction soon engulfed the world. The United States played a decisive role in the defeat of the Nazis and Imperial Japan and the global balance of power was restored.

Many hoped that the defeat of the Third Reich and Imperial Japan would bring a new era of international peace. The United States dismantled its vast conventional forces in Europe with unprecedented haste. The Soviet Union, however, did not recall the Red Army divisions garrisoned in Eastern Europe, and violated the Four Power Yalta agreement by failing to permit open elections.

In an effort to avoid the costly errors of the past, President Harry S Truman responded to Soviet pressure on Greece and Turkey in the late 1940s with the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan. The Truman Doctrine pledged American assistance to nations resisting Communist aggression. The Marshall Plan provided capital to the war-weary European economies. The formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949 institutionalized America's military obligation to the security of Europe.

Europe has flourished in America's



Differences between the democratic nations are trivial in comparison to the values that unite them.

protective embrace. Its living standards are among the highest in the world. Western Europe's democratic political institutions have thrived. The alliance has served American interests as well. NATO has stymied westward Soviet expansion. The United States enjoys profitable trade and commercial relationships with the nations of the Common Market. Collective security has enriched both the United States and Western Europe.

South Korea

The Korean Conflict soon tested the United States' new commitment to collective security. Secretary of State Dean Acheson's omission of South Korea from the U.S. "defense perimeter" in a speech delivered to the National Press Club in January 1950, may have unwittingly encouraged the North Korean invasion in June. The South Korean forces were overrun and only the rapid deployment of American troops and air power enabled the South Koreans to maintain a foothold at the southern tip of the Korean peninsula. In September 1950, Gen. Douglas MacArthur led American and South Korean troops in a daring amphibious landing at the Bay of Inchon

to the north. MacArthur's brilliant maneuver split the North Korean forces, and Seoul was recovered.

I served in the Korean conflict as a platoon leader and, later, as a company commander. I remember my superior officer ordering me to explain to my troops why we were fighting in such a distant, foreign place. It seemed simple: an imaginary line etched through the hills of the Korean peninsula—the 38th parallel. This line marked the divide between freedom and tyranny. I explained to my men that the United States had to help preserve the integrity of that line. The loss of South Korea to the Communists would endanger the security of Japan and, therefore, threaten the balance of power throughout the world. The destiny of the West was bound to the fate of South Korea.

Despite MacArthur's initial success, the Korean War wore down to an inconclusive end. Finally, in 1953, the 38th parallel was restored as the division between North and South Korea. The peace settlement disillusioned many within the United States. Critics complained that the sacrifice of 34,000 American lives was not worth the restoration of the status quo ante. It seemed that little had been gained.

Three decades later, it is clear that (Continued on page 42)

The Nazi Black Guards (above) and the Viet Cong (below) represent but two of scores of ideologies, movements and mini-wars of the 20th century that the world initially ignored, thinking they were merely of regional significance, only to later discover their true international impact.



MERCHANT MARINE IN DECLINE

By Vernon Pizer

My question was succinct and direct: What is the condition of today's U.S. merchant fleet? The answers were depressing. Worse, they were alarming.

"Horrible," says the director of the U.S. Maritime Administration, Admiral Harold E. Shear. "It has been going steadily downhill since World War II."

"Moribund," says Congressman Mario Biaggi, D-NY, chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Merchant Marine. "Unless we do something about it damned fast the inevitable end is the disappearance of the U.S. merchant fleet." Demonstrating that the view is similar from either side of the political aisle, Congressman Gene Snyder, R-Ky., declares that "our maritime industry has gone from bad to worse."

Ernest Corrado, executive vice president of the American Institute of Merchant Shipping, describes the situation as "catastrophic."

"Deplorable," says Rear Adm. Warren C. Hamm, Jr., commander of the Military Sealift Command, while Frank Drozak, president of the Seafarers International Union, calls our merchant fleet "critically neglected."

These remarkably uniform expressions of gloom—from labor and management, Republicans and Democrats, military and civilians—are solidly buttressed by the dismal facts. Here is a doleful sampling.

Item: In 1950 the U.S. merchant

It's been going downhill since World War II



A World War II Liberty Ship, the S.S. Samuel Adams, ready to be launched.

marine, mustering a total of 1,170 oceangoing vessels, ranked as the world's second largest, trailing only the United Kingdom. By this year our active deep-water fleet had shriveled to just 466, falling to 11th place behind tiny Singapore, which as late as 1961 had not possessed even a single deep-water ship of its own. The grim reality of those 466 vessels comes into sharp focus against a backdrop of the more than 700 U.S. merchantmen sent to the bottom in World War II. Expressed another way, our wartime losses were almost 40 percent greater than our entire currently active oceangoing merchant fleet.

Item: Although we generate a far greater volume of foreign trade than any other nation on earth, only a minute fraction of our commerce-under 4 percent—is handled by American ships. In dramatic contrast, the Soviet Union carries some 60 percent of its trade aboard its more than 2,500 oceangoing ships. Ironically, a far greater quantity of American cargo is transported by the U.S.S.R. than by the U.S. Another, and frightening, irony is that we depend on foreign sources and foreign shipping to satisfy our requirement for much—in the case of some items virtually all-of the raw materials deemed essential for our domestic economy and for our military industrial base.

Item: Our shipping resources include—under control of the Maritime Administration—the "mothballed" National Defense Reserve

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Fleet and, within the NDRF, the Ready Reserve Force. The NDRF numbers some 180 general cargo vessels but 140 of them are aged veterans of World War II and, as Adm. Shear concedes, "no ship 40 years old or older can be judged a reliable asset in an emergency." The only worthwhile, readily available capability in the NDRF is its Ready Reserve force—29 upgraded ships that can put to sea in five to 10 days.

In evaluating national maritime assets, some place reliance on American-owned "flag-of-convenience" ships, vessels that are registered abroadprimarily in Liberia, Panama and Honduras—to capitalize on lower operating costs, taxes and other advantages that go along with the foreign flag. However, with those financial breaks comes the obligation to obey the laws of the flag power. Thus, in 1973, when Liberia prohibited its registered vessels from transporting U.S. supplies to Israel during the Yom Kippur War, the 385 U.S.owned ships flying the Liberian flag had to comply with the ban. (But even without a foreign ban, Americanowned flag-of-convenience vessels would be of limited value because many are tankers in the "black oil" trade. As Adm. Hamm points out, "Our military sealift can't use black oil tankers. We must use coated tankers to carry our jet fuel and our other clean fuels.")

The inescapable fact is that a strong, healthy U.S. merchant marine is not only an essential underpinning for the nation's economy, but it is also a military imperative. It is, as many strategists like to call it, the country's "fourth arm of defense." Adm. Hamm observes that "if the whistle blows, 90 percent of our troops and of their cargoes and 99 percent of our fuel will have to be transported by ship. During the Vietnam War we used 153 ships to do nothing but plow back and forth carrying ammunition to our troops. carrying ammunition to our troops. The Department of Defense is going to have to play a bigger role in supporting the merchant marine if we are have to play a bigger role in supporteven to have ships in the numbers an emergency requires." Former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Thomas Hayward employs starker terms: "Without adequate and reliable sealift, literally none of our military plans is executable."

To find any really significant signs of maritime vitality one turns to Adm.

A far greater quantity of U.S. cargo is transported by Russia than by the U.S.

Hamm's Military Sealift Command. Here is how he describes what is taking place within MSC: "When the Iranian terrorists captured our Teheran embassy and its personnel, it forced all of us to ask how we could inject a force into the Persian Gulf region - or any other remote areaand sustain it logistically. The disturbing answer shook loose the funds to create a strategic sealift capability in conjunction with the Rapid Deployment Force concept that began to take shape. What we now have in being is our Near Term Prepositioning Force, or NTPF, a fleet of 17 merchant ships on long charter and manned by civilian crews. We have these ships on station in the Indian Ocean off the island of Diego Garcia, where they are floating warehouses preloaded with the weaponry, vehicles, fuel, rations, even the water to sustain an 11,400man Marine brigade plus limited, selected Army and Air Force units for 30 days. We keep them in a high state of under way readiness so they can move rapidly to a trouble zone to offload their cargo for the troops that would be airlifted from the U.S. We have another preloaded ship on station in the Mediterranean. In the next few years we will add others now being

built or being converted to incorporate new technology making them ideal for military use. This will provide mobility, flexibility and lift capacity to support a three-brigade force for 30 days."

The NTPF is a reassuring development, but it is designed specifically for short-term operation in support of a modest force. Adm. Hamm is the first to agree that to satisfy general sealift requirements the merchant marine as a whole must be revitalized. "We have been sold a bill of goods about flying to war," he says. "Except for a high-priority handful, all our troops and everything needed to sustain them will go to war by surface transport. While we still have time, we must get on with the job of providing the kind of merchant marine that can handle that heavy responsibility."

How did our merchant marine become so blighted? What caused America's maritime might to melt away so that today the nation can put to sea with only one-fifth as many ships as Greece and less than one-fourth as many as the Soviet Union? One quick answer is benign neglect - "We haven't had an administration in decades, Republican or Democrat, that really supports the maritime industry as it should be and the current administration is no better or worse than its predecessors," observes Congressman Snyder. Another quick answer is short-sightedness—by shipowners who dilly-dallied on timely modernization of their vessels and by unions whose contracts created costly "featherbed" billets aboard ship. (Much of our fleet, for instance, is saddled with (Continued on page 38)

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The S.S. American Legion was one of the famous "535's," a class of troop and passenger carrying vessels built during and right after World War I.

By Alan Darling

"Jane, you've got to look out there!" Barbara Boyle screamed. "It's Champ!" For the next 45 minutes, she and Jane Sullivan were mesmerized by a large, serpent-like creature bobbing up and down in the waters of Lake Champlain. The beast was between 30 and 40 feet long and had a neck the shape and size of a large tree trunk. That sighting, and others, have created quite a stir around Bulwagga Bay, a large but comparatively shallow section of the lake, which reaches depths of about 400 feet.

"You couldn't help but see it," Boyle recalls. "It had about four humps on its back and there was a lot of choppiness around it."

"We began to feel a little eerie—like we shouldn't have been seeing what we were seeing," added Sullivan.

After 20 minutes, the two women broke from their trance long enough to call Esther Waldron at the Port Henry, N.Y., townhall on the lakeshore. "It looked like a huge snake," said Esther Waldron, who saw it from about a hundred feet away. "It's neck stuck out of the water about

cently released her photograph of Champ, which depicts a long-necked, dinosaur-like creature's head, neck and humped back arching out of Lake Champlain's waters. Even though optical specialists at the University of Arizona analyzed the photograph and declared it genuine, meaning that the photo was free from tampering, many still believe Champ is the product of a vivid imagination or, perhaps, too many beers.

Yet Champ has shown itself to too many reliable people to be simply dismissed out of hand. And scientists, who are usually among the most skeptical, are beginning to believe, too.

"I'm suggesting that these animals come in from the sea following the salmon runs or movements of other fish, and (then they) travel upstream until they reach a large body of water like Lake Champlain," said Dr. Roy P. Mackal, a former professor of biochemistry, now a research associate in the Dept. of Biology, at the University of Chicago, who bills himself as a cryptozoologist—literally, a specialist in the study of hidden animals. "There they may remain for more than one season rather than going right back into

CHAMP OF LAK

three feet and it had a snake's head. It would look around just a little and then slide back into the water. A few minutes later it would come up again, maybe in a radius of 20 or 30 feet—I saw it go down and come up four times."

For centuries we have heard about the Loch Ness monster, Nessie, several thousand miles away in Scotland. Now sea serpents are being sighted and even photographed in North American lakes and rivers. Champ has been the most prominent of these with almost 50 sightings reported in 1981, but Lake Champlain is not the only American site reputed to have sea serpents.

Objects believed to be sea monsters have been sighted in the Great Lakes, Florida, California, Arkansas, Alaska and other parts of the United States. Lake Okanagon in British Columbia has had numerous sightings of "Ogopogo," and Lake Manitoba's "Manipogo" has been captured on film. In 1975, one "something" even reared its head at the Old Mill Pond in Trenton, N.J.

While Ogopogo and Manipogo are relatively new additions to the serpent list, Champ apparently has been around for quite a while. First sighted by Samuel de Champlain, the founder of Quebec and discoverer of the lake that bears his name, Champ was described in 1609 as being "a creature that was serpent like, about 20 feet long and as thick as a barrel, with a head that resembled that of a horse."

Champ has appeared numerous times since then, but those who hadn't seen it always demanded proof of its existence before they would believe; now a solid piece of evidence exists. Connecticut resident Sandra Mansi re-



the sea again."

Mackal is a modern-day Indiana Jones who has studied sea serpents for years and even claims to have made underwater recordings of half a dozen Loch Ness monsters. He believes that Champ along with the other North American sea serpents are not reptiles or fish, but zeuglodons: very primitive predecessors of the whale, believed to be many years extinct.

"They are very long and snake like, not like modern-day whales at all," Mackal said. "They flexed—or flex—their bodies vertically, rather than like the side to side motion of the sea snake. Almost all of the observations of these crea-

tures report that they move up and down."

Reptiles are unable to move in this manner. However, because of its serpentine build, it is possible that the zeuglodon could have been able to move through shallow, swamply areas or even over land for short distances. Thus, it would be able—if, indeed, some still existed—to navigate the narrow Richelieu River that leads to Lake Champlain from the St. Lawrence river.

Others believe that champ is a plesiosaur, a reptile that

once frequented large freshwater lakes connected to the ocean long before zeuglodons were born. It resembled a brontosaurus or other large dinosaur with fins. It's long neck branched into a huge body, which when flexed could have broken the water to resemble the series of humps that are often seen on Champ. Like the zeuglodon, the plesiosaur may have been able to flex its body up and down. Some feel that small numbers of these reptiles, which sometimes grew to more than 40 feet, were marooned in Lake Champlain and other inland lakes when the oceans receded, and have bred there in small numbers ever since.

Whether zeuglodon or plesiosaur, Champ is most likely a deepwater animal, and if he has the breathing capacity of other such animals he would have to surface every hour or two to breathe. Most sightings of these creatures occur in the shallow bays when, it is believed, they herd fish into shallow water where they can be easily caught. Or, perhaps, it is only when they are in shallow water that people notice them surfacing to breathe.

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The Search Goes On For Champ And His Fellow Serpents

Sandra Mansi's photograph, taken with a small format camera as she and her family fled from Champ, has been determined to be genuine by optical experts at the University of Arizona.

Combat Art: U.S. Air Force





Armed with brushes and pens, paper and canvas, the combat artists of the U.S. Air Force went where the airmen went and recorded what they saw. These journalists of the artistic world used sharp brush strokes instead of verbs; soft smears of pigment instead of adjectives, and an expanse of fiber instead of nouns. Yet, the scenes they relate speak as eloquently as any told by the master wordsmiths of our time; moreover, they are instantly understood in every language.



Charles Waterhouse, a combat artist known widely for his drawings of Marines in action, sketches personnel of all services, as evidenced at left in this pencil rendering of an Air Force sentry and his dog on duty at Vinh Long, Republic of Vietnam, Aviation artist Keith Ferris depicts in acrylics the first combat encounter between sweptwing jet fighters, December 1950 (below). The North American F-86A Sabre was victorious over the Soviet built MIG-15 (FAGOT). At right, is a watercolor rendering by Marbury Brown of an F-105 used in Thailand in 1968.



The art shown here (including, top left, Clayton Knight's rendering of P-39's and B-25's in the ice and cold of Nome, Alaska, March 1945) is representative of the 2,500 sketches and paintings on permanent display (on a rotating basis) at the Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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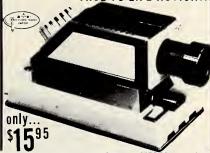


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Veterans' Update

The Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs has reported to the full Senate a comprehensive health bill, S. 578. The American Legion supports all provisions of the bill, except two. One provides for a cap on beneficiary travel. The Legion opposes any cap on travel benefits for veteran beneficiaries of the VA because the impact of the limitation falls most heavily on the poorest and the oldest among veterans—those who are most in need of the travel allowance.

The Legion also opposes a provision in S. 578 providing a \$400 yearly allowance for veterans referred to chiropractors. The Legion believes this is unnecessary legislation because the law already provides for reimbursement to chiropractors who treat veterans for service-connected conditions, on referral by a VA physician. There is a problem in that some physicians do not make referrals to chiropractors. The Legion does not believe this problem can or should be solved through unnecessary legislation.

Funding for a new two-year emergency job training program for veterans is suddenly in jeopardy. While legislation authorizing this new training program has passed both the House and Senate (as reported in last month's issue) a serious question has arisen as to whether or not funding will be made available to put the program in motion. This is because a House and Senate Conference Committee on the FY 84 HUD/ Independent Agencies Appropriation (which would fund the program) dropped the \$150 million funding from the measure just hours before passing the bill. The rationale for the action was that since the job program had not yet been enacted, funding to operate the program should be appropriated only after the new program becomes law. While this rationale is technically correct, final enactment is widely expected in the near future. With this in mind, The American Legion will press for final action on the job program while simultaneously attempting to see that funding is made available in an Omnibus Continuing Appropriation expected to be taken up by Congress in late September.

Prospects for VA home loan foreclosure relief legislation designed to assist veterans whose mortgages are in jeopardy as a result of recession are questionable at the present time. As with the new job training program discussed above, the funding for a VA home loan program was suddenly dropped from the FY 84 HUD/ Independent Agencies Appropriation shortly before that legislation was adopted by Congress. In the case of this program, unlike that of the job program, it is unclear whether or not funding will be made available in a later, Omnibus Continuing Appropriation measure. This is

because no authority for the program was provided in the first resolution, which Congress uses each year to set limits on what it may or may not spend. While this program may yet become a reality, its prospects this year are not as good as those for the new job program. It will be unfortunate indeed if this program escapes final enactment. Its cost is not only minimal, but may even save the government money it would have spent on delinquency payments, property reacquisition and resale of foreclosed properties.

In a startling move by the House of Representatives, a surprise amendment was offered to a housing bill that would allow F.H.A. mortgage interest rates to float with the market. If adopted, F.H.A. home buyers would have to negotiate mortgage interest rates with lending institutions. Under current law, F.H.A. and VA interest rates are statutorily set below current market rates on conventional mortgages. Since F.H.A. and VA routinely set rates in unison, this change, if finally enacted into law, could have a serious effect on the VA home loan program. Veterans would be hard pressed to find willing mortgage lenders if virtually everyone else were forced to pay interest rates higher than those statutorily set for veterans. For that reason, The American Legion will seek a remedy in similar Senate housing legislation, S. 1338, which is soon due for action by that body.

Prospects for congressional passage of peacetime GI Bill legislation were given a boost recently following action on a proposed amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization bill. This action came when Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and Sen. William Armstrong R-Colo., offered an amendment to attach the new GI Bill to the Defense Authorization Bill. The amendment was defeated on a procedural vote by only four votes. This strongly suggests that if allowed to vote on the merits of the GI Bill itself, the Senate might act favorably. Given the estimated cost of the new GI Bill, notwithstanding the clear need for it, this development is very encouraging. The American Legion has long supported a new GI Bill as a needed incentive for recruitment and retention within the All Volunteer Forces.

The American Legion strongly opposes some of the recommendations of The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control because of the adverse effect they would have on current military personnel, retired personnel and those considering making a career of military service. Among the recommendations are proposals to eliminate most domestic commissaries and to restructure the retirement program to reduce benefits. For an analysis, see page 30.



Boys Nation 1983

The American Legion's 38th annual Boys Nation concluded in Washington, D.C., July 30. Designed to introduce the 98 high school juniors in the program to the sometimes unusual world of politics, Boys Nation this year included some unique twists of its own.

The young men at the program on the campus of American University elected a president and vice president from different parties. Their president was not born in the United States, and their vice president was a person not originally selected to be a delegate to Boys Nation.

Donal F. Logue, El Centro, Calif., was elected Boys Nation president and was a Federalist party candidate. Logue, sponsored by American Legion Post 25 of El Centro, was born in Ottawa, Canada. He will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from Educational Communications, Inc., publisher of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

John S. Hatfield, Indianapolis, Ind., was the successful Nationalist party candidate for vice president. Earlier, Hatfield was elected it governor of Indiana's Boys State. He got the chance to attend Boys Nation when one of the previously selected Indiana candidates could not attend.

Howard Lymore, Warren, Ohio, was presented the \$500 Boys Nation Memorial Fund Scholarship for being elected president pro tem of the senate. The president pro tem is in charge of senate sessions until a vice president is elected. This was the first year the Memorial Fund Scholarship was awarded.

Besides their political conventions and elections, the attendees toured Washington, met with national lead-THE AMERICAN LEGION/SEPTEMBER 1983 ers, and participated with Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr., in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Cdr. Keller told the delegates in a speech on the eve of their mock elections, "To know that the future of America rests in strong, young hands such as yours, and to know the destiny of America will be shaped by sharp, inquiring minds such as yours, to say the least, is for me an inspiring and reassuring experience."

Boys Nation delegates participate in a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr., Joseph S. Hart, left, and Stephen C. Bullock assist a member of the U.S. Army Color Guard.

Cdr. Keller also noted Boys Nation is one of the "most solid, sound and constructive programs" for American youth anywhere.

Susan Zaeske, Sheboygan, Wis., was elected the 1983 president of Girls Nation at the Legion Auxiliary run program the week before Boys Nation. Betty Lynn Shirley, Belton, S.C., was elected vice president. Zaeske was the governor of the Wisconsin Girls State and Shirley was lt. governor at the South Carolina Girls State.





Above, Boys Nation delegates view the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Donal F. Logue (on the right) El Centro, Calif., and John S. Hatfield, Indpls., Ind., raise their hands in unison after they were elected Boys Nation president and vice president.



Special Olympics 1983



A record-setting crowd of nearly 70,000 in Louisiana State University's Tiger Stadium watched the opening ceremony, complete with fireworks — for the 1983 International Special Olympics Summer Games. Later, Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr., left, threwout the first ball in the Legion supervised softball throw competition. A new event for the summer games, the softball throw contest was directed by J.H. Morris, past Dept. Cdr. of Louisiana.

After the five-day, 1983 International Special Olympics Summer Games in Baton Rouge, La., in July, more than 4,300 mentally handicapped athletes from 45 nations went home feeling very special about themselves.

What they left behind was a contingent of American Legion and Auxiliary volunteers likely feeling very special about themselves, too.

From throughout Louisiana, 443 American Legion members and 277 Auxiliary members showed up to be sure athletes were cared for around the clock. Auxiliary members provided 24-hour supervision in the dormitories, while Legion members busied themselves helping athletes on the field in Louisiana State University's Tiger Stadium.

Tying up loose ends three days after the spectacular closing of the event, Pat Patterson, general chairman of the 1983 Summer Special Olympics Committee and a member of Boyd-Ewing Post 58 in Baton Rouge, recapped some of the statistics for The American Legion magazine.

Over 300,000 volunteers worldwide participated in local competitions, many of them in this country organized and carried out with the help of local American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units. The American Legion

from 1978 to 1982 donated \$3.5 million to Special Olympics in state, national and international competitions. Ninety-five percent of all of the counties in each of the 50 states had Special Olympics programs in 1983, most with the help of local post volunteers. Also in 1983, the American Legion do-



A jubilant victory smile typifies the purpose of Special Olympics.

nated \$100,000 to help underwrite the International Games in Baton Rouge and another \$150,000 to the 1983 National Games. The Louisiana American Legion and Auxiliary donated \$70,000 from fund raisers they organized this past year.

Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr. and Natl. President June Stolte were on hand at the games, congratulating winners and handing out medals, all attached to necklaces of brightly colored ribbons and hung around each competitor's neck.

The America Legion sponsored the softball throw contest, a new event this year. Cdr. Keller said later, "To watch the enthusiasm, for instance, in the softball throw competition, just affected me tremendously. One of the adults in the competition had to struggle to compete. The ball had to be put in a cup he held, and then he tried to throw it from the cup. Just seeing him struggling—smiling—to hold that cup, let alone throw the ball from it, that's a moving experience."

Gene Lindquist, National Chairman, Children and Youth, said, "This thing in Baton Rouge was one of the greatest displays of voluntarism I've seen in The American Legion during my 37 years as a member of this organization. It was people wanting to help people. It's something you hear

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Over 700 American Legion and Auxiliary volunteers, like the gentleman in the left photo, helped make sure Special Olympians enjoyed their moments in the spotlight. Dignitaries, above, included, left to right, Natl. Cdr. Keller; Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a founder of Special Olympics; Frank Gifford, sports commentator and June Stolte, Natl. President of The American Legion Auxiliary. In the photo below, body-building champion Arnold Schwarzenegger hugs a winner.

about, but this was different in that all these people helped in one place at the same time. It was a very intense feeling of love. I watched some of the adults in the softball throw competition. Just participating was the greatest thing for some of them. They learn to strive, and if they can do it in a game, maybe that will carry over into something else in their lives. I wish there were some way to get the word back to all the locals how great this thing was."

Louisiana Dept. Cdr. Anthony Buras was active in all the meetings conducted for several months before the July competition. He said after the event he was only disappointed that the media did not report more on the work the Auxiliary members did.

"The Auxiliary members, a great deal of the time, were behind the scenes. They were the dorm workers and cafeteria workers. They helped clean up and saw to it that if Special Olympians needed something, they got it. I saw so many Auxiliary workers there, I really thought there were more ladies helping than men."

Louisiana Dept. Adj. Jim Tripp, father of four-year-old twins, perhaps THE AMERICAN LEGION/SEPTEMBER 1983 saw something in the competition that other Legionnaires didn't see.

"One of my twin boys was born premature and had a number of complications that left him mentally retarded and a cerebral palsy victim. At home now, we talk to him about Special Olympics and needing to get him some sneakers so he can start practicing for his turn," Adj. Tripp said.

That kind of backing and encouragement is one of the things Special Olympics hopes all parents of mentally handicapped children will develop as a result of participation. Dr. William Bankhead, executive director of the '83 Summer Games, said, "I will always remember seeing a parent standing next to a child at the games. Both of them were wearing tee shirts made for Special Olympics. The parent wore one that said, 'My son Greg is Special.' She had her arm around her son's shoulders, and he was wearing a tee shirt that said, 'And I'm Greg.' That kind of pride wasn't the case years ago, and Special Olympics has helped change that."

And The American Legion and Auxiliary volunteers are at the forefront in that change for the better. •





Legion Challenges Cost-cutting Proposals

The Grace Commission, formally known as The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, released in July the 2,236 recommendations of the commission's 38 task forces. Each was tasked with finding examples of waste and with making recommendations on how Uncle Sam could better manage his money.

At least two task forces made recommendations that The American Legion strongly opposes. These recommendations, if accepted by Congress, would affect military retirement and domestic commissaries.

The recommendation on retirement would delay the payment of full pension benefits until 30 years of active service had been completed. Personnel could still retire after 20 years of service, but would receive a penalty of ½ percent a month for each month short of 30 years of service.

For example, assume retirement at year 26. Retirement income at this point is set at 65 percent of the member's base pay. Since the retirement is four years ahead of the 30 year mark, the resultant pension amount would be reduced by 24 percent (48 months × ½ percent).

Obviously, the rationale here is to discourage retirement before 30 years. The new system, if enacted, would affect new recruits and active duty personnel with less than 12 years of service.

Another recommendation affecting retirees that The American Legion opposes provides for an earned income offset for retirees who have not reached age 62. Military retirement pay would be reduced one dollar for every two dollars earned above the retirement threshold amount.

The task force also recommended that Social Security benefits be counted as earned income after retirement, thus further adversely affecting the income of the retired, career military person.

In the opinion of The American Legion, the task force, in making this recommendation, has apparently failed to consider that potential recruits, active military and retired personnel will view such an approach as yet another example of erosion of benefits. This perception would inevitably cause skilled and experienced personnel to forego the military as a career. The task force here ignores the uniqueness of a military career, a uniqueness that has been explored over a number of years by a number of commissions chartered during various presidential administrations.

In regard to the recommendation that most domestic commissaries be closed, The American Legion position in opposition to such a move is stated in a resolution adopted at the 64th National Convention in Chicago. That resolution strongly supports sufficient funding to improve and then maintain the "quality of life" aspects of active duty service.

The commissary system, according to the Grace Commission task force studying it, "bears little relevance to the purposes for which it was established. The task force recommends that most (domestic) commissaries be closed, and that those few that are warranted be run as a part of the exchange system. In any event, there appears to be no logical justification for federal subsidies of the existing system."

The American Legion feels the data presented by this task force are misapplied. The continued need for the military commissary system has been reaffirmed on numerous occasions when special study groups, appointed by previous administrations and Congress, all supported the continuance of the military commissary system.

The task force also recommended that it would be better if those commissaries left in operation were contracted out to a private company. Their rationale here was based on the savings projected to be derived by removing military personnel from use as employees of the commissaries.

The American Legion disagrees, pointing out that prices at a commissary would inevitably rise if the commissary were to be operated by a private business. Furthermore, The American Legion feels reduced com-

missary support would undermine morale, a key factor of military preparedness.

In addition to the adverse effect on career personnel, The American Legion feels discontinuance of the commissaries would have a devastating impact on many junior enlisted families who are already hard-pressed to make ends meet, as well as widows of armed forces personnel and totally disabled veterans . . . nearly all of whom would lose commissary privileges.

Bob Lyngh, director of National Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation, said his staff would be preparing a "substantive" response to the recommendations of the Grace Commission, including areas where The American Legion and the commission's task forces might agree.



Limited edition, Treaty of Paris commemorative medal

Signing Re-enactment Set

The historic signing of the Treaty of Paris will be re-enacted on The American Legion Mall at National Head-quarters exactly 200 years after the signing of the treaty that ended the American Revolutionary War.

The re-enactment ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, the final day of a three-day symposium in Indianapolis and Bloomington. The symposium and the signing ceremony were organized by a national committee whose members included Natl. Cdr. Al Keller, Jr. and Natl. Exec. Dir. William D. Jackson.

The re-enactment ceremony will take place in Indianapolis, in part because the Treaty of Paris not only ended hostilities between the United States and Britain, but also laid out a boundary for what would later become the Northwest Territory. Indiana was part of that territory. An original copy of the treaty is part of the permanent collection of documents and art on display at the Lilly Library at Indiana University in Bloomington.



Legionnaire Of The Month Helped Restore 'Old Glory'

The "Legionnaire of the Month" for September not only fought for his flag four years during WWII, but also fought a more recent battle to preserve

the original "Old Glory."

Marshall Estes, a member of Donelson Post 88 in Donelson, Tenn., served in the U.S. Army from 1942-46 as a member of the 396th Airborne MP Battalion. In 1980, he was appointed by his post to lead another battle, this time for funds to preserve a badly tattered, salt-worn flag called "Old Glory.

Old Glory is the flag raised March 17, 1824, over a U.S. Navy ship docked in Salem, Mass. As the 17' by 5'9" flag was raised, Capt. William Driver told his crew: "We'll call her 'Old Glory,' boys." The name stuck and has been used in reference to virtually all American flags since. The original flag was later donated to the Smithsonian Institution. Repeated attempts by the Smithsonian to secure funding for the repair of the deteriorating flag failed until Estes and other Tennessee Legionnaires heard the story.

Post 88 was at the forefront in the battle to raise funds for the needed repair, and Estes was appointed chairman of what became a statewide committee. Though partially disabled, Estes led the campaign for the \$12,000 needed for the repair and restoration

project.

Estes' volunteer work isn't limited to occasional projects, however. He is a Sunday school teacher, heads the Post's blood drive, and, since 1963, has been service officer and chairman of the Post 88 telephone committee. He was chaplain at the Post 10 years, was active in child welfare programs and a volunteer at a VA hospital.

He was Post 88's "Legionnaire of the Year" in 1981, and later that same year was named Tennessee's "Legionnaire of the Year."

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FACT: The American Legion donated \$1.17 million to the
Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

FACT: The American Legion baseball program has generated 54% of Today's Professional Baseball Players.

It's nearly as small as a matchbook, is thinner than one, too, and American Legion leaders hope its easy-to-carry size will make it a regular part of the pocketed paraphernalia Legionnaires keep handy in months to come. It's the new, "Get Involved" membership promotion card aimed at getting more veterans involved in their local posts. The card has a convenient, tear-off top Legionnaires may use to jot down pertinent information about a prospective member. The top is removed from the slip and turned in to the Post membership chairman for follow-up. The remaining portion of the card highlights for non-members some of the many accomplishments of the Legion on behalf of all veterans, including that the Legion was the originator of the G.I. Bill of Rights, Legion Posts have local personnel available to help veterans and have supported construction of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial with a \$1.7 million contribution. Copies of the card are available through department headquarters. Get involved!



One of America's oldest and most distinguished black soldiers, Col. West Alexander Hamilton, received an honorary promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the D.C. National Guard July 17 and earlier was congratulated by President Reagan. Hamilton, who will be 97 on Sept. 25, served his country with distinction from the time of the Mexican Border Campaign under Gen. John Pershing and through both World Wars. Among his honors is the French Croix de Guerre for bravery in battle in World War I. He is a 61-year member of Washington, D.C., Post 26. Hamilton was accompanied to the meeting in the White House Oval Office by Maj. Gen. Calvin G. Franklin, D.C. National Guard Commander.



Legion, Gordon's Gin Honor 'Good Neighbors'

The receptions may have been short, the meals following informal and chatty, but when the time came to present each of The American Legion, Gordon's Dry Gin Co., Ltd. "Good Neighbor Awards" in June, the air in the five post homes from Baltimore to Albuquerque was thick with emotion. David H.W. Kettlewell, below, a Gordon's vice president, presented the awards at each ceremony.







Above, Harold A. Spies won the Outstanding Volunteer Service award for his more than 30 years of service as a baseball umpire, member of the American Red Cross, Civil Defense and other service groups, including the auxiliary police in Clyde, N.Y. He is a member there of Brown-DiSanto Post 226. Above, right, Robert Burns won the Youth Activities award. He was instrumental in getting the New Mexico American Legion involved in Special Olympics and has served as a youth counselor at his church. Burns is a member of Carlisle-Bennet Post 13 in Albuquerque.







Above left, Grant Cushinberry, right, won the Community Service award. A quiet man, Cushinberry has been the subject of numerous newspaper articles detailing his volunteer work in projects in Topeka, Kan. He is a member of Topeka's Capital Post 1. Above right, Richard Edelbeck, left, won the Heroism award after he plunged into an icy, water-filled, four-foot-deep ditch to rescue a driver trapped in an overturned car. A member of Oelschlaeger-Dallmann Post 434 in Oak Creek, Wis., Edelbeck was credited with saving the driver's life. In the photo at left, Christian W. Bretall, center, won the award in the Work With Veterans category for his more than 50 years as a volunteer in a VA Hospital in Perry Point, Md. He was Maryland's Veteran of the Year in 1982. He is shown here with Dept. Cdr. Charles Bender and Natl. Vice Cdr. Margaret Malone.

Books

The Life of Herbert Hoover, The Engineer, 1874-1914, by George H. Nash. W.W. NORTON & Co., \$25. Becoming rich in 1895 wasn't much easier than in 1983, but young Herbert "Bert" Hoover, fresh out of Stanford University's first graduating class. intended to try.

He secured a position with the firm of Louis Janin, one of the most eminent mining engineers in the American West—"to obtain employment with Janin was to open a path to future success."

Thus is recorded the initial step in a business career of truly "Horatio Alger" proportions—from orphaned boyhood and slim financial resources, to wealth and success as a global mining engineer by age 40.

In this first volume of a planned three-volume study, Nash isn't concerned with the public Hoover of later years. Instead, he shows us the young, unknown, ambitious, daring, world-traveling Hoover, the man as he was between 21 and 40.

Tim Page's Nam, introduction by William Shawcross. Alfred A. Knopf, Pub., \$22.50; Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, foreword by Dumas Malone, photography by Robert Llewellyn. Thomasson-Grant, Pub., \$35. It would be difficult to find two books of excellent photography featuring subjects at greater variance than these.

Tim Page was only 20 when he was in Vietnam as a free lance photographer, shooting pictures of the war. He photographed from locations that often were too dangerous for the noncombatant, under conditions viewed as too reckless. The result was photos of such intensity of experience they were sought by major news publications. This book is a retrospective of Page's work and how he saw Vietnam in the late 1960s through a camera lens.

Thomas Jefferson's biographer, Dumas Malone, says of him, "His eye, like his mind, sought an extended view" and in "the building and perfecting" of Monticello, he "found selfexpression in its most satisfying form."

What readers will find is the completed Monticello, washed in shadows, bathed in sunlight; mist rising, snow fallen; a place of peace and plenty, beauty and harmony, a spot as near to a heaven on earth as a single human mind was able to conceive, a single human spirit able to achieve.

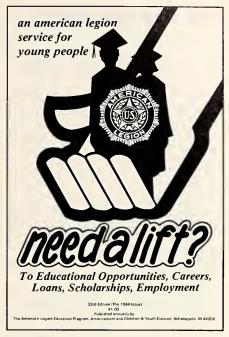
New 'Need A Lift?' Helps College Bound

The 33rd edition of *Need a Lift?* is now available from National Headquarters. Revised annually, *Need a Lift?* contains information leading to approximately \$2 billion in scholarships, grants, loans, educational aids and employment opportunities.

Pictured here is the new cover depicting the helping hand this booklet has provided to thousands of students in its 33-year existence. Although there is an emphasis on the veteran and his/her dependents, the booklet contains sources for students of all ages and backgrounds.

This year's edition is the largest ever with 144 pages, providing more information than previous editions. A portion of this new information is a "Check and Do" list for parents and students in applying for admission and financial assistance at colleges and universities.

For students not yet ready for college and still looking for information on careers, *Need a Lift?* contains 10 pages listing hundreds of careers—and associations and institutions offering free information on these careers. Additional listings of career sources and career decision-making materials, available at minimal cost, are included



in the back pages.

Need a Lift? makes an excellent gift to college-bound students in their junior year, guidance or career counselors, elementary and junior high teachers, school and public libraries, and career centers. Copies are available by sending \$1.00 prepaid to: The American Legion, National Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206.



Natl. Adj. Robert W. Spanogle recently presented a certificate of appreciation from The American Legion to Gov. George Nigh of Oklahoma. The certificate was presented in appreciation of Gov. Nigh's assistance to veterans, their widows and orphans. A Legionnaire, Gov. Nigh worked for legislation to establish a Vietnam veteran's center, declared 1982 the state's "Year of the Veteran," and strongly supported other legislation beneficial to veterans.



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unlisted his membership Post awards that have been reported to the

Deodoro M. Aguilar (1983), Post 48, San Manuel,

Ariz.

Bobby N. Davis (1983), Post 194, Kelseyville, Calif.
Russell W. Jean (1983), Post 2, Dover, Del.
Anthony Abbatiello (1983), Post 39, Vero Beach, Fla.
Francis M. Wells (1983), Post 49, Monticello, Fla.
Herbert C. Dibert, Raymond Leary (1983), Post 308,
Hollywood, Fla.

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18th Battalion, 3rd Regt. Garland B. Pugh, Sr. is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. in 1945, he was treated for arhythmia. Contact CID 876

D' Co., 17th Inf., 7th Division. Frank Zupan needs witnesses to verify a claim that, while in Bruen City on Leyte, the Philippines, he injured his neck in an explosion when the tripod he was carrying struck his neck. Contact CID CID 877

B' Co., MTS 6th Support Bn., 11th Inf. Bn., Americal Div. Benny L. Enoch needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Jungle Warfare School, Hawaii in 1967, he was injured in a fall from a single rope bridge during exercises and in 1968 at Dak To, Vietnam, he injured his back. Contact CID 878

Key West, Fla. Naval Station. James G. Mannering needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Sea Island Inn in 1972, he suffered right side facial pain, dizziness and rapid heartbeat. Contact CID 879

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31st Field Hospital. Clarence James Landsperger needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at North Sector Gen. Hospital, Oahu in 1944, he suffered severe back pain. Contact CID 881

482nd Sq., 505th Bomb Group. John J. Rigney is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Tinian, Marianas Islands in 1945, he suffered head and other injuries in an airplane crash. Contact CID 882

"K'' Co., 151st Inf. Regt., 38th Div. Robert Josh Rutland needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Phi

Co. 144. Warren LeRoy Miller needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Great Lakes NTC in 1941, he suffered a neck and head injury when he fell out of a

"D" Co., 3rd Bn., 1st Brigade. Joseph K. Sanders needs

witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C. in 1979, he injured his knee in an accident. Contact CID 886
USS Milwaukee Ct. 5, USS Dayton CL 105, Minnesota Separation Center. Robert E. Meacham is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while aboard the ships and at separation center in 1943, he suffered from deafness due to anti-aircraft guns. Contact CID 887
"D" Co. 25th Med Bn., 25th Inf. Div. Leon P. Sell, Sr. needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Schofield Barracks on Dec 7, 1941, he was injured while treating other personnel at Hanger 17. Contact CID 888
"C" Co., 1903rd EAB. Willard L. Mlady needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at K16, South Korea in 1954, he injured his back while constructing a quonset on air base. Contact CID 889
USS Colhoun DD 801. Robert Francis Carroll is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Okinawa Picket station in April 1945, he suffered a concussion when he landed on his back and was knocked out. Contact CID 890
"B" Co., 1st Armed Rifle Bn., 46th Inf. Max Allen Roesberry needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Munich, Germany in Nov. 1959, he hit his head when he backed off flat car while unloading army personnel carrier. Contact CID 891
USS Cambria APA 36. Orell Louis Mueller needs witnesses to verify a claim that while aboard ship between 1942-45, he suffered back and head injuries when a boom fell on him. Contact CID 892
Patrol Craft PC 778. Laurent G. Sorrell is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Charleston, SC in July-Aug. 1946, he was treated on hospital ship for a back injury. Contact CID 893
"B" Co., Platoon 152, 1st Bn. Jackie Howard Sutton is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Parris Island, SC in 1969, he suffered severe physical abuse from a drill instructor. Contact CID 894.

Superficial Scar Compensation Review Completed

A review of compensable superficial scar cases has resulted in 89 percent (67,896) of those veterans receiving compensation for scars having their ratings continued. The review was called for as a part of the ongoing review of compensation started in the late 1970s when Congress mandated that the VA review benefit recipients.

In the latest survey, regional offices reviewed 76,285 cases in which there were one or more conditions rated as either "tender and painful" superficial scars or superficial scars subject to "repeated ulceration." Of that total, 41,662 were protected because the evaluations had been in effect for 20 or more years; 26,234 ratings were confirmed at a compensable level. Another 5,702 veterans had scar evaluations reduced, though 11 percent of this number had no reduction in their overall service-connected evaluation or rate of compensation. Ninety-four veterans were granted increased evaluations, but 16 percent of these saw no increase in compensation.

No other classifications of compensation are being considered for review.

There has been no indication of widespread abuse even though cases of veterans listed as unemployable (at least 60 percent disabled) were reviewed over a two-year period. Fewer than five percent of those receiving unemployability benefits were determined to be ineligible.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

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Letters

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Etcetera

• A salute to the editors of The American Legion Magazine for the consistency of excellence maintained. We continue to strive for large membership, not only for a voice in government, but also to get this priceless magazine into the homes of veterans and their families.

HERMAN LOVAS Ada, Minn.

More on Covers

• In reference to Terrance Gilroy's letter (August), just what could be more American than a cowboy and a dog?

Fred Gensch Menasha, Wis.

• A review of the August issue brought a little chagrin and amusement in reading "Letters," concerning the Magazine's May and June cover subjects. In each of these comments the writers appear to be of the opinion that cowboys and dogs smack of un-Americanism. As an old cowboy from Nebraska and an inveterate dog lover, I find this not only amusing, but downright un-American. Come now, gentlemen, let's put on our Legion caps and put cowboys and dogs back into America!

Donald J. Bocke Annandale, Va.

• In reading some of the comments in "Letters" (August), what is wrong with some of today's veterans? Cowboys were true Americans, going back to the days of the American Indian, and reminding us of the 13 original colonies. This also is what The American Legion Magazine stands for and regardless of what's on the cover, it's still a veterans' magazine, For God and Country.

Albert A. Bischoff Bergenfield, N.J.

Taiwan

• I was very pleased and impressed to read "Taiwan: Island Fortress of Freedom" (August), by Ray S. and Marjorie W. Cline. I wish everyone in the United States could read this article. I do pray that the U.S. will stand by these good and courageous people who have strived hard to be free. God bless them and America for helping them to retain this freedom.

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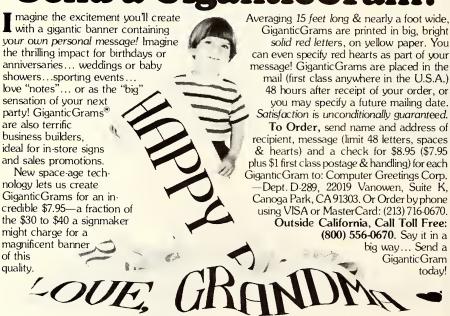
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Merchant Marine

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steam turbines, while foreign competition uses fuel-efficient diesels, saving \$1.5 million in annual operating costs on a typical vessel and saving additionally by requiring a smaller engine room crew.) Still another quick answer is the stubborn world recession that has too many vessels chasing too few cargoes.

But quick answers only scratch the surface; they don't dig down to reveal the underlying, complex truths. The first of these truths is that while it is convenient to speak of a maritime industry, in strictest accuracy one needs to think in terms of maritime industries because shipping is fragmented into segments that sometimes are narrowly parochial in their perspective. River bargemen, coastal operators, ocean freighters, tankers, ship builders, port authorities, regulatory agencies at all levels of government, management, labor-each constituency stands ready to take up the cudgels in defense of its special concerns, but is much less ready to take the long view, the enlightened view, of shipping as a whole and then to stimulate actions to nurture that whole. "Even completely non-maritime groups get into the act," Snyder observes, "groups like coal operators and farm bureaus who resist legislative efforts to divert cargoes to American bottoms because they fear it would escalate the expense of delivering their products abroad."

That observation leads to the next great truth: American merchant marine costs are inflated. In Shear's words: "U.S. maritime costs have become astronomical, unreal, making us virtually non-competitive with the rest of the world." Those costs balloon from the very outset, commencing with construction of the vessel. According to Bob Agman, co-director of the Labor Management Maritime Committee, it is three times more expensive to build a ship in an American yard than abroad. He adds this unhappy prediction: "Given that crushing price disadvantage, as many as eight to 10 of our 26 major yards will probably go under-with all that it implies for the country's economic and military base."

The same kind of price disadvantage extends to operating and crewing ships. Consider that manning a medium-size bulk carrier with an American crew would cost \$2.8 million annually, but manning that vessel with a crew signed on in the Far East would cost only \$600,000. "We could eliminate

that disparity," Adm. Hamm says, "if we equipped our ships with fewer safety systems, cut pay and crew amenities, and in general operated our vessels along Third-World lines. We are not willing to compromise our standards, but we can stick to our values and still effect significant economies by adopting more realistic work rules and manning levels and by introducing the latest, most costeffective and efficient technology into the way we design, build and operate our ships.'

There is a further basic truth leaching vitality from the nation's merchant marine, and it is this: our deep-water fleet is squeezed relentlessly by our sometimes unrealistic, sometimes out-of-step laws. Take, for instance, our tax laws. A U.S.-flag ship plying the oceans is taxed on precisely the same basis as a U.S. vessel whose entire working life is spent on an inland river. On the surface that seems equitable. But if that American-owned and American-registered ocean-going ship were to switch to a flag of convenience not one cent of earnings would be taxed by the foreign country or by the U.S. unless and until the earnings were brought home. Thus, the U.S. tax code invites ships to flee from the U.S. flag.

Even more debilitating is the way in which our antitrust laws are applied. Consider this: since 1865 ship owners have ruled out ruinous rate wars and have insured orderly, efficient operations by aligning themselves in "closed conferences." Each shipping route has its own closed conference-more than 350 in all worldwide-to coordinate schedules and itineraries of members' vessels, to pool cargoes so that no ship sails with holds half empty, to align freight rates, and to secure allegiance of major customers of conference ships by granting rebates under certain conditions. Not a single American ship owner is a member of a closed conference or is permitted to engage in conference practices because U.S. antitrust laws bar him from doing so. No other country forces its mariners into such an economic straitjacket.

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commercial practices in restraint of free trading—cartels, price-fixing, "kick-backs" and so on. But they point out firmly that when one moves from the domestic to the international marketplace the situation is vastly different. It is undeniable that when the master of a foreign vessel gazes from his bridge there are no free-trade philosophies looming on his horizon. What he sees is not only the closed conference with all that it implies, but also a supporting structure of protectionist measures enforced on his behalf by his government. Examples: Japan (other nations, too) provides belowmarket financing for ship construction; Mexico requires that 100 percent of its oil exports be delivered by Mexican tankers; France directs that half the coal and two-thirds the oil brought to her shores be transported by her ships; South Korea reserves all major cargoes for vessels flying the Korean flag, and half of all Venezuelan commercial cargo is designated for Venezuelan ships. Now, this October, a new, sweeping protectionist measure comes into effect: the United Nations' Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences. The key provision of the code binds signatories to allocate 40 percent of their international commerce for carriage by the exporting nation and 40 percent by the importing nation, with the remaining 20 percent available to third countries. So far some 75 countries are signatories to the agreement. The United States, virtually alone among maritime nations and cleaving to its free-trade philosophy, is not one of those 75. This omission can only increase the pressure on an already harried American merchant marine.

As one seasoned observer concludes: "We confront the owners of our oceangoing vessels with two choices—fly the U.S. flag and play the game under onerous rules that do not apply to the competition, or swap the American flag for a foreign ensign and gain access to an operating system that ensures efficiency and promises profitability."

The first option places the owner under severe handicap, but keeps his ships available to the nation in time of military emergency. The second option enables him to steer a course around our regulatory barriers to profitability, but it loses us a portion of our military assets. And therein lies a fundamental fact many have been slow to recognize:

our merchant marine ought not to be treated as a business just like any other because it is unlike the rest. True enough, it plays a role in the national economy just as other businesses do, but unlike them it also plays a political role in "showing the flag" around the world and a military role in supporting the nation's forward defense strategy.

The lesson of the Falklands War ought to be plain enough for all of us to see clearly," Ernest Corrado says. "It was British merchant ships creating an oceanic lifeline to transport the troops and equipment that made the difference. But in spite of that lesson we seem to be steaming in circles." (It is worth noting that even though its Falklands lift was limited in time and scope, Britain had to press into service an armada of 58 merchantmen including the mammoth QE II. To muster 58 vessels the U.S. would have to requisition one ship out of every eight in its entire inventory of active ocean-going commercial craft.)

Mario Biaggi is one man who isn't steaming in circles; he knows where he is headed and he is determined to navigate a straight course. With considerable asperity he declares, "I get so damned mad with some of my nitpicking, foot-dragging Capitol Hill colleagues—those who get bogged down trying to recycle failed ideas, who get hung up on the concept of free trade, and who can't decide if they really want a fleet of merchant ships and how far they are willing to go to get it. We have to stop wasting time and start acting responsibly."

In his subcommittee on the merchant marine there is no doubt that Biaggi is intent on originating legislation that makes it clear once and for all that the nation will do what needs to be done to rebuild its commercial fleet, put it on equal footing with its foreign competitors, and clamp a lid on the inflated costs of building, operating and manning U.S. craft. Several bills addressing aspects of the complex whole have been framed and are now making their way through the labyrinthine legislative process, with Biaggi bird-dogging them to make sure they are not emasculated along the way. One of the bills, H.R. 1242, would-among other provisionsrequire that in the first year after enactment 5 percent of U.S. bulk cargo in foreign trade would be reserved for U.S.-flag ships, increasing 1 percent

annually to a minimum of 20 percent. Frank Drozak of the Seafarers Union and others estimate the bill could spur construction of 200 new ships and—in a ripple effect—create thousands of new jobs ashore and afloat. Another pending bill would grant sorely needed regulatory relief from the antitrust laws locking American ships out of the closed conferences that strengthen the rest of the maritime world.

"These are overwhelmingly important measures," Congressman Biaggi says, "and we'll fight to get them passed. But by themselves they don't accomplish everything, so we are working on other bills to solve other parts of the puzzle. It is too soon to discuss the nuts and bolts of these additional bills because they are still on the drawing board, but we are looking in new directions, framing fresh approaches. As an example of the kind of thing we are working on is establishment of a system of innovative financing to stimulate construction of new ships."

Another promising development is a growing movement to come to grips with crew costs in ways that don't reduce American seamen to the salary level and working conditions characteristic of many third-world ships. In this connection, Adm. Shear goes out of his way to laud labor officials for their "impressive leadership in facing up to reality." From this new realism come several favorable results. One is a willingness to adjust crew sizes downward in response to introduction of new, labor-saving shipboard technology. Another is the relaxation of the traditional two-crew-per-ship system—permitting one to be ashore while the other is afloat—and replacing it with a system that assigns three crews between two ships.

When one weaves all of the threads together the tapestry that is revealed is not a pretty picture. It depicts a decimated merchant marine enfeebled both economically and militarily. Ye it also reveals that the situation is still retrievable. It is not yet too late for us to have the ships to carry our goods, to provide an American presence in the world's ports, and to create a credible shield as our fourth arm of defense. If we really want a viable, dependable merchant marine-and if we are prepared to support the efforts of the Hamms, the Biaggis and the others striving to provide it—we can have it. But time is short and we have to make our minds up now.

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the United States was right to fight for the independence of South Korea. The nation has flourished since 1953. It has industrialized its agrarian economy. The standard of living in South Korea has risen exponentially since the armistice 30 years ago. Whatever the shortcomings of the Seoul government, the prosperity and relative freedom of South Korea clearly outshine the North's underdeveloped economy and grim authoritarianism. The North can compete only militarily, and then only with the Kremlin's favor. South Korea is a monument to America's commitment to collective security.

Struggle For Vietnam

The American success in South Korea was followed by tragedy in Vietnam. The French withdrew from Indochina when Ho Chi Minh's troops defeated the French forces garrisoned at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. The United States supported the non-Communist south with materiel and, eventually, military advisers. In his Inaugural Address, President Kennedy paved the way for greater American involvement in Vietnam by promising to "bear any burden, pay any price" in defense of liberty abroad. Many of the "best and the brightest" in the foreign policy establishment spoke enthusiastically of "nation building" in Indochina and, by developing various strategies of "controlled escalation," established the theoretical foundation for the American military effort.

The United States made many errors during its involvement in Indochina. Its military strategy of attrition failed to recognize that the Vietnamese Communists would endure tremendous costs to attain the unification of Vietnam. This unfortunate strategy resulted in the deployment of over half a million American troops in the swamps of the Mekong Delta and the jungles of the central highlands without substantially furthering our political aims. Nor was the South Vietnamese government able or willing to implement the reforms necessary to win the full allegiance of the populace. Furthermore, the United States discovered that it could not sustain its involvement in Vietnam in the face of fierce domestic opposition. Ironically, many of those theorists and politicians who provided the intellectual rationale for American intervention became the most outspoken critics

of U.S. policy in Vietnam.

The costs of the American involvement were severe. Fifty-seven-thousand Americans died. The war also generated tremendous domestic unrest and widespread mistrust of presidential authority. Moreover, the futile land war in Asia sapped U.S. military strength elsewhere. Finally, the American failure in Vietnam destroyed the post-World War II bipartisan consensus in American foreign policy and gave root to a new isolationism.

Many Americans now consider the nation's involvement in Vietnam a mistake. Even here, however, the issue is ambiguous, and the question of right and wrong obscure. Thousands of Vietnamese boat people risked the terrors of the high seas rather than submit to the repression of Communist Vietnam. They must feel remorse only at America's failure to achieve its goals in Indochina. The 3 million Cambodians who died under Pol Pot's insidious regime probably would regret only that American power did not prevail.

Clearly, that unfortunate war demonstrated the practical limits of American power. Clearly, our assumptions regarding "monolithic Communism" were proven wrong. Without doubt, the American military strategy was a costly failure. The important lesson, however, is not that the American commitment to South Vietnam was morally wrong, but that the form of our involvement was unwise. No one can look at Indochina today and argue with conviction that the people of the region are better off under Communist rule.

Neo-Isolationism

We should not compound the errors of Vietnam by renouncing America's commitment to collective security. America's absence from Europe's balance of power politics in the early 20th century condemned the continent to the senselessness of World War I. Nazi Germany rose out of America's unwillingness to help enforce the Treaty of Versailles. The success of NATO and the vigor and prosperity of South Korea are the proud banners of collective security. The sad epilogue to the Vietnam War suggests not that the United States should look away when its allies are threatened, but that its assistance be far wiser. If there is any Continued . . .

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certain lesson taught by recent history, it is that the fate of the non-Communist world is interlinked. To forget that painful lesson in these trying times would be a grave and unpardonable error.

The United States must resist the powerful temptation to withdraw into a cocoon of isolation. Americans are often dismayed by the antagonism we encounter in countries the United States has long sought to protect. In the Euro-missile controversy, for example, public opinion in Western Europe has treated the United States unfairly. In the late 1970s, the Soviet Union began installing mobile SS-20 theater range nuclear missiles. Today the Soviets have deployed over 350 SS-20s. In 1977, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt requested that the alliance deploy new theater range missiles to counterbalance the new Soviet missiles. In the spring of 1982, in Bonn, 350,000 demonstrators marched against "American militarism" and the "American" decision to impose nuclear weapons on Europe. Yet it was the Soviet missiles that created the dangerous theater nuclear imbalance, and it was the Europeans who first demanded that the imbalance be rectified.

The United States, however, is not committed to collective security to gain the admiration and praise of its allies. Fundamental reasons of national interest dictate that the United States sustain and strengthen its alliances. Benjamin Franklin's dictum, "... we must... all hang together, or ... we shall all hang separately" seems especially relevant today.

After Khruschev's humiliation over the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962, the Soviet Union began a sustained, concerted effort to expand its military resources. That buildup continues today. During the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara curtailed American deployments of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). McNamara was convinced that the United States could relieve international tensions by allowing the Soviet Union to achieve strategic parity. As former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown testified before Congress, "When we build, they build. We don't build, they build." The Soviets are assembling a blue water navy with great dispatch. They maintain the largest

standing army in the world. The Soviets devote an enormous portion of their gross national product to the maintenance and expansion of their military capabilities.

Emboldened, perhaps by the United States' failure in Vietnam, the subsequent paralysis of the American foreign policy-making process and the growing list of the Soviet military machine, Moscow has wielded an aggressive hand in recent years. It employed proxies to further its geopolitical interests in Ethiopia, Angola and the Yemen throughout the late 1970s. The Soviet Army's occupation of Afghanistan continues despite the brave resistance of the outmanned and poorly equipped Afghan freedom fighters. The Soviets are financing Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea. Soviet support for radical forces throughout Central America exacerbates the region's turmoil. The Kremlin is clearly the prime mover behind the Polish military's suppression of the Polish people. The Soviet Union seems to rely increasingly on its military assets in the pursuit of its foreign policy goals.

No one knows what is in the minds of Kremlin leaders. It is unlikely that they are following any particular blueprint for world domination. It is unlikely, too, that the Soviets will initiate a suicidal nuclear war or even a premeditated conventional assault against Western Europe. Nevertheless, the West must not turn away from the implications of Soviet behavior. The industrial democracies must not relax their gaurd. What we must fearwhat we must prevent-are Soviet attempts to neutralize Western Europe and Japan by splitting those nations away from the United States. The Soviets hope to intimidate the West with their brimming military arsenals and to weaken the industrial democracies by turning one alliance partner against the other.

The Bell Tolls For Thee

The security of the industrial democracies is dependent upon the health of America's alliances, particularly NATO. Controversies over East-West trade, arms control, burden sharing and a plethora of other non-military issues have sown discord on both sides of the Atlantic. It is widely feared that NATO's military strategy is obsolete and its forces outmatched. Unfortunately, parochial political in-

terests often frustrate efforts at alliance reform.

The United States and its allies have the resources to overcome these obstacles. Indeed, the West and Japan account for twice the population and four times the gross national product of the Soviet Union. The industrial democracies can deter Soviet aggression if they marshal the political will to field an effective common defense. The West can achieve arms control and the cessation of the destabilizing, wasteful arms race only if Moscow is faced with a united, strong and determined alliance. The greatest challenge is to remain united in the face of Soviet efforts to sow division among democratic nations.

This nation cannot escape our age and the struggle that torments it. The new isolationism reflects a nostalgia for the time when the quarrels of the Old World did not disturb the tranquility of the Western Hemisphere. Those days have passed, however, and are unlikely to return. Technology has shrunk the globe and spun a web of commercial, political and cultural interdependence across the seas. The United States can no longer isolate itself from the troubles of its partners around the world. That is the undeniable message of this century's wars.

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Shall we respond to the plea of the distant bells? Or will they echo unheard? I believe that we must heed the warnings of the recent past. The industrial democracies must strengthen their alliances. Despite the frustrations, America must persevere. After all, the disputes among the democratic nations are trivial in comparison to the values that unite them. The bells toll for all men who yearn for freedom and a just, enduring peace.



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The artillery exchanges continued until October 14, when the battles entered a new phase: a night infantry attack against Redoubt No. 10 by an American battalion and a simultaneous attack against Redoubt No. 9 by a French battalion. It was a grim contest of musket, bayonet and courage. When it ended both redoubts had fallen. Later that night a counterattack by the British failed to recapture the

Installing artillery in the redoubts, Washington's gunners could now rake the main body of the British with flanking fire. His situation precarious, Cornwallis attempted a break-out but it was contained. Acknowledging the inevitable, on October 17 Cornwallis sent a message to Washington under a flag of truce to ask for a 24-hour cease-fire "to settle terms for the surrender." The document of capitulation was signed on the 18th.

The morning of October 19 was cool but sunny. Marching to the beat of their drummers, the Continentals lined up on one side of the road leading from the port, while the French lined up on the opposite side of the road. Then from the town came the mournful sound of bagpipes as the defeated troops began to march out, the British in freshly issued red uniforms, the German mercenaries in their regimental blues. The beaten soldierssome weeping in humiliation, some muttering curses, some staggering from the rum with which they had tried to drown the sorrow of defeatpassed between the allied ranks. Company by company, they turned into a field to deposit their muskets on the grass as their captains ordered "Ground firelocks!" His features impassive despite the great emotion that must have suffused him, Gen. Washington sat in his saddle motionless and erect surveying the parade of the vanquished.

The fighting would continue intermittently with occasional skirmishing for months to come, but after Yorktown the clock could not be turned back - America's hour had come. It was now clear that the rebels had won their rebellion.

Winning a war is one thing, winning a peace is another. Pursuing the peace yet to be wrested from the British, the Continental Congress named a fiveman commission to seek negotiations with London. One of the quintet, Henry Laurens, had been captured at sea and was then in a British cell. A second commissioner, Thomas Jefferson, chose not to serve. Of the three remaining commissioners-John Jay, Benjamin Franklin and John Adamsit was Franklin who was clearly the dominant figure. Not only was the 75-year-old patriot a brilliant, internationally acclaimed statesman, scientist and writer, he was also resourceful, quick of wit and tongue, and persuasive. At that time the American minister to France, he had long served as his country's chief-and for many of the war years, its only-representative abroad. He more than any other had been responsible for French recognition of the infant Republic in 1778 and for French aid during the

Keenly sensitive to the convolutions of international diplomacy, Franklin knew that winning a peace that accomplished his country's goals-above all its non-negotiable insistence on recognition of its sovereignty and independence—would be almost as great a challenge as winning the war had been. For one thing, Congress had limited the commission by making its freedom to negotiate with the British conditional upon prior consultation with the French at each stage of any talks that might be undertaken; the restriction required the commissioners to defer to French leadership and advice on the conduct of such talks. That such a restriction would be cumbersome as well as a dilution of commission strength disturbed Franklin; more disturbing was the knowledge that American and French objectives that had been identical on the battlefield—to vanquish the enemy—could very well diverge at the peace table. The fact was that France and Britain were in conflict on a larger scale than just North America; they contested one another for areas of the West Indies and Africa as well. So the French, still engaged in armed conflict against the British, could be expected to be motivated by a different set of priorities from the Americans whose war was essentially over and who sought now to fashion their peace. But an even more immediate problem confronting the Americans was that Lord Frederick North, the British prime minister and an implacable foe of independence for the breakaway colonies, had refused to face up to the reality of Yorktown and had refused to

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appoint British commissioners to meet with those named by the Continental Congress.

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In mid-April an odd visitor called on Franklin: Richard Oswald, a gaunt, one-eyed, Scottish merchant a year older than he. Oswald presented a letter from Rockingham's secretary of state for colonial affairs that, despite its round-about phrases, made clear that Oswald's mission was to open a channel of communication between London and the Americans. Elated, Franklin sent word to Jay in Spain and Adams in Holland urging them to join him in Paris. Following his congressional instructions, he informed the Comte de Charles Vergennes, the French minister of state, of his visitor and Vergennes asked to see Oswald. With Franklin diplomatically silent, Vergennes informed Oswald that no peace could be negotiated with the Americans as long as France and Britain remained in open conflict. What Franklin had feared had come to

Over the next few days Franklin met privately with Oswald, each taking the measure of the other and slowly developing a sense of mutual trust. When the Scot left for London, he bore with him firm assurance that the Americans were prepared to open negotiations.

The following month Oswald returned to Paris, but he had not been authorized to undertake actual negotiations, so the frustration Franklin had endured under North continued under Rockingham. Then, in June, Rockingham died and Britain again had a new prime minister, Lord William Shelburne. Franklin's hopes were raised until he obtained a copy of a Shelburne speech expressing opposition to American independence and vowing that "nothing short of necessity" would make him yield.

Stung by this ominous note, Franklin summoned Oswald and, boldly exceeding his authority, began a marathon session in which he detailed the kind of peace treaty he fully expected Britain to accede to. First and foremost, America was to be granted complete independence and all British troops were to evacuate American territory. Next he spelled out the boundary settlement that was required and specified that Americans were to be granted full fishing rights in Newfoundland waters. Then he covered such items as claims to the Great Lakes and payment of reparations. To make his terms more palatable, Franklin stressed British gains from peace in America, emphasizing benefits that could be expected from friendship with America and holding out the lure of a lucrative share of the country's foreign commerce. He also made abundantly clear that his patience had worn thin, that he would not compromise away any of his country's fundamental interests, and that



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British delay could cost it dearly in the long run. Acting alone, Franklin had ignored Congress, France and his fellow commissioners. He could not be accused of being spineless.

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The third commissioner, John THE AMERICAN LEGION/SEPTEMBER 1983

Adams, finally arrived from Holland and much time was lost in filling him in on all that had passed earlier. Franklin was beginning to feel that his two colleagues were more trouble to him than Oswald. Shelburne, in London, aware of the developing warmth between Oswald and Franklin and fearing the astute American was exploiting it advantageously, sent a second commissioner to join the talks, Henry Strachey. Wily and skillful, Strachey was a tough, unyielding negotiator who forced the Americans on the defensive to protect the concessions they had already gained. The work of the preceding months had to be retraced, re-evaluated and renegotiated. The weeks wore on. Henry Laurens, the fourth American commissioner, at long last arrived, but his appearance so late in the day neither helped nor hampered matters.

The French had, of course, learned of the talks and they were irate. In a masterful performance that spread oil on troubled waters, Franklin succeeded in placating Vergennes, the foreign minister. In any event, Vergennes was now fully occupied with the Anglo-French peace negotiations that had lately begun.

On November 30, the British and Americans gathered in Oswald's room. Before them lay the document they had so arduously drafted. The last change had just been inserted; balm for the ruffled French, it was a statement that the treaty could not take effect until the French and British had concluded their treaty.

Copies of the proposed agreement were dispatched by the commissioners to their respective governments to be studied, evaluated and debated. But the negotiators had done their work well-especially Benjamin Franklin and Richard Oswald, those two aged, brilliant men whose indelible imprints were on every phrase in the document. When the commissioners gathered around that ornate table in the Hotel d'York on September 3, 1783, the final treaty that was spread before them was virtually unchanged from the draft they had completed the previous November. One by one they signed the document that later would be hailed as "the greatest triumph in the history of American diplomacy."

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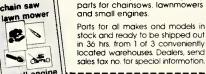
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Bluegills

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and on later trips can concentrate on those and skip others having mostly juvenile populations. It's more trouble to move from place to place, but you'd best do it.

While you're moving your body, don't forget to move your bobbers up and down until you find fish. In the Midwest, early autumn fish will be around four feet down, a little shallower some days, deeper on others, depending on the weather, time of day and amount of sunlight. Later in the fall they'll be deeper yet, often six feet, even more. And when ice begins to form along shoreline rocks, they may be down 10, 15 or even 20 feet.

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Here's one more "move." Some years back I picked a lovely fall afternoon to hit a local farm pond for bluegill and did all the things just mentioned. I caught fish, but not as many as I'd have liked. Then I noticed that whenever I got bored and lifted my rod to bring the bait closer or made a fresh cast to another area, I frequently had a bite within seconds. With my master's degree in zoology plus a good deal of research work on fish and fish behavior for background, it didn't take long to figure out why: fish feed on moving prey. Almost anything a panfish is likely to eat will be either swimming in the water, crawling on the bottom or moving slowly along an underwater leaf or drowned twig. Almost nothing edible holds still. When I hoisted my rod to move it closer, I automatically lifted my worm, then when I stopped, the worm fluttered down again. The same happened with a new cast, the worm fluttered and undulated down from the surface. That movement attracted the attention of every fish around and brought rapid strikes.

These days I'll toss a bait out, let it settle and wait for 30 seconds, then

give a gentle sweep of the rod tip to pull the float toward me a foot or so. After it settles I'll wait another 30 seconds and repeat the move. My fish cleaning knife has gotten a real workout since that discovery and now, unless I'm too drugged by sunlight and soft fall breezes to care, I keep my rod bobbing and my body moving.

That sums it up except for one thing. Use light line and small tackle, change depths and locations, and keep moving the bait. Wherever you fish. you'll be in business for fall bluegill. The one thing? I've seen anglers spend hours cleaning a stringer of bluegill, carefully scraping off all scales, removing entrails and doing a dozen other tasks. When you're tired already from a long fishing trip, it's asking a lot.

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I've cleaned thousands of bluegill and being lazy. I've learned to do the job the easy way. I place each fish flat on its side and make a half moon cut from the top of the head behind the gills down to the vent at the end of the stomach. Then one gentle tug removes head and almost all entrails. Next, I cut along the back about 1/8 inch deep to the tail to remove the dorsal fin and that strip of skin between the fin and tail. Make another cut along the belly to remove the anal fin and skin just before the tail. Then finally I slip my blade under the skin along each side and just pull it off. Three quick cuts, remove the skin, and you're done. It's unbeatable.

If you'd rather fillet your fish, and I often do when they're large, you'll do them just as you would any other fish - a deep cut on each side of the head, then a slice along each side of the dorsal fin before working the flesh off the ribs and down to the belly. Final step again is to remove the skin from each fillet with a quick pull. Either way you have plenty of good eating, and it won't take a long evening's work to get it.

Champ

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Skeptics are numerous and have their own explanations for Champ, explaining it away as everything from floating logs to boat wakes. They also wonder why, after almost four centuries of sightings, not a single carcass has washed ashore. And they point to Lake Champlain, a lake subject to sudden, violent winds that can instantly ripple its mirror-like visagesuch a spot provides ample opportunity for optical illusions under the right conditions. A couple of logs, high winds and the desire to see a sea monster could produce one in some people's eyes, the skeptics claim. However, it should be noted that the clearest sightings have always occurred when the water was calm.

Believers answer skeptics by pointing out that the animals are rare and probably deepwater inhabitants so carcasses would be rare as well. If a creature died, it is likely that the water pressure of the depths would force a carcass to remain deep below the surface. A large fish could conceivably resemble a sea monster, especially a sturgeon (which sometimes grows to eight feet in the U.S., while in Russia some have been reported to be over 25 feet long). "But there's no way a sturgeon or any other fish could have the degree of flexibility in the neck that the creature in Sandra Mansi's photo shows," counters Joe Zarzynski, the king of Champ chasers.

Zarzynski, self-proclaimed lake monster investigator, lecturer and explorer, is a schoolteacher in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Over the past seven years he has poured \$25,000 of his own funds into Champ research. He has spent countless days along the shore of the lake and in the lake in scuba gear where he's placed sonar units on the lake bottom. All has gone for naught so far. Zarzynski has found no traces of Champ, although the sonar units did turn up two sunken 19th century ships. ("Sunk by what?" some have asked.)

Still, Zarzynski is Champ's biggest fan. The walls of his home are covered with Champ memorabilia and he often works late into the night on his many Champ projects. He has singlehandedly investigated and catalogued almost 150 sightings of Champ dating back to the 19th century. He lobbied both the Vermont and New York state legislatures for a bill protecting Champ from hunters and poachers



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(one man offered \$500 for Champ—dead or alive). His plea didn't fall on deaf ears either. The Vermont legislature and the New York legislature both enacted bills for Champ's benefit. Vermont passed a law protecting the beast, and New York passed a resolution stating that the creature—if there is one—"should be protected from any willful act resulting in death, injury or harassment." The town of Port Henry also passed a bill protecting Champ, after its fourth sighting.

Most of the lakeshore residents are believers. "He's out there. Everybody sees him. Too many people see him," one resident comments. "My boss saw him 20 years ago," adds another. "I saw him 35 years ago. He looked just like they say he does now."

Some, of course, offer alternative explanations akin to the observation attributed by *Time* magazine to Paul Kurtz, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo, who said Champ was about as real "as Bigfoot, UFOs and the tooth fairy."

"It's just an old boat floating upside down," cackles one native.

"A couple of years ago somebody shot at something and two days later they found a 500-pound sturgeon floating on the water like a monster," recalls another. "A lot of people have wild imaginations. Half the people who see it are drunk half the time, if you ask me."

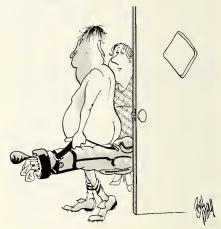
Contrary to what some choose to believe, most of the sightings were reported by upstanding members of the community ranging from the mayor of Port Henry, who has seen it twice, to Tony Lemza, a New York state policeman who saw Champ from his living room window in 1974. "I know the lake and everything that swims in it or flies over it, and it wasn't a duck, a goose, a fish or any other thing I know of," Lemza said. "I saw something. I don't know what it was, but . . . it's head stuck out of the water two or three feet and . . . it left quite a wake."

Mary Carty, a free-lance photographer from Colchester, Vt., is another who claims to have photographed Champ. July a year ago she was stopped by two people who came running to the road claiming that Champ was in the water. She shot 17 photos while she and six other people watched what she believes were two of the creatures swimming off Shelburne

Bay on the Vermont side. "There were two creatures, 30 to 40 feet long. They stayed on course until they heard a boat coming, and then turned and sped up. There were 18 humps visible when the boat's wake splashed against them."

Her photos show two parallel chains of dark humps sticking out of the water, but no head is visible. Some say her creature could be just a boat wake, but Carty claims no boat was present until quite a while after she had begun to watch the creature.

The best piece of evidence available is still the Mansi photograph. In the summer of 1977, Mrs. Mansi and her husband, a shipyard worker, saw what appeared to them like a dinosaur rise out of the water and look around not more than 150 feet from where their children were swimming. Fearing an attack, they grabbed their children and sped away in their car. In the shuffle, Mrs. Mansi snapped the photo with a small format camera.



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The Mansis kept the photograph pinned to a wall in their home for two years, making no attempt to publicize it. ("They put people away for talking about sea serpents," she explained.) Finally, Zarzynski persuaded them to submit it for the optical examination that pronounced it genuine. Many questions have been raised about the photo since then, foremost being the lack of the negative and the Mansis' inability to locate the site of the occurrence. Still, it seems unlikely that the Mansis could have perpetrated such a hoax and, indeed, they appear to have had no reason to do so.

"I think the photo is genuine in all respects," said Dr. Mackal. "We've analyzed a lot of fraudulent photos that have been very well done, but these have always looked like what the person believes these creatures would look like, rather than like a real animal. The Mansi photo is zoologically correct, and it fits with the eyewitness descriptions I've collected from all over the continent. For the first time, we've got a really good picture."

Mackal admits, however, that an expert could pull off a hoax. "I could probably do a pretty good job of faking a photograph. A photo is never going to settle the question though. It goes a long way, but we'll never be sure until we get one in the net."

And when will that be?

As soon as someone puts up the money to finance a major expedition, says Mackal. He thinks the Richelieu River, or perhaps the Columbia River in British Columbia and Washington State that leads to Lake Okanagan, would be good places to try. But a netting expedition will probably not be attempted in the near future.

Until then, what of Champ and those like him? Zarzynski hopes to make people realize that such animals do not pose a threat to man. Although there are a few claims, probably unfounded, that Champ capsized vessels, no one has reported that he was attacked. "These are shy creatures," Zarzynski admonishes. "If they were aggressive, they'd have been totally eliminated by now. There would be a massive hunt until some carcasses were produced."

"We've got to realize that these are not monsters except in our own heads," says Mackal. "Sea monsters bring out thoughts of goblins and such. We're talking about zoological matters. There's an undercurrent of information that never surfaces for fear of ridicule. We've got to get people to believe that this is a genuine scientific

inquiry."

And, finally, people are beginning to believe that maybe it is, and maybe-

just maybe—Champ does exist.
"I used to think it was just a myth, but too many reliable people have seen it," one lakeshore native said, expressing the thought of many. "I'm not saying it's a prehistoric monster or anything like that, but there is something out there."

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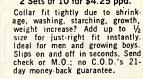
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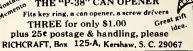
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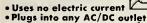
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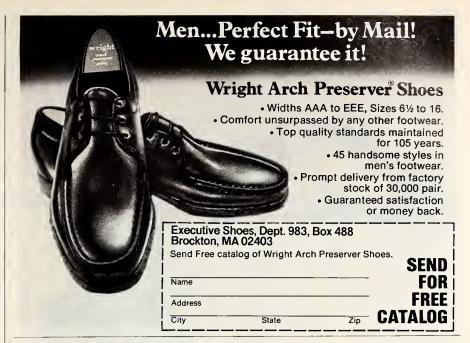
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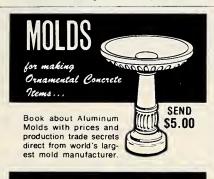
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